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touch the window to start "bb" program 

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key words

■ **Neurolinker** = A portable terminal that connects with the brain via a wireless quantum connection, and which supports all five senses with enhanced images, sounds, and other stimulus.

■ **Brain Burst** = Neurolinker application sent to Haruyuki by Kuroyukihime.

■ **Duel avatar** = Player's virtual self, operated when fighting in Brain Burst.

■ **Burst points** = Points required to use the power of acceleration. To obtain them, players must win duels against other duel avatars. If a player loses all their points, Brain Burst is forcibly uninstalled.

■ **Legion** = Groups, composed of many duel avatars, with the objective of expanding occupied areas and securing rights. The Seven Kings of Pure Color act as the Legion Masters.

■ **In-school local net** = Local area network established within Umesato Junior High School. Used during classes and to check attendance. Umesato students are required to always be connected to it.

■ **Global connection** = Connection with the worldwide net. Global connections are forbidden on Umesato Junior High School grounds, where the in-school local net is provided instead.

■ **Enhanced Armament** = Items such as weapons or personal armor owned by duel avatars.

■ **Normal Duel Field** = The field where normal Brain Burst battles (one-on-one or tag matches) are carried out.

■ **Unlimited Neutral Field** = Field for high-level players where only duel avatars at level four and up are allowed. The game system is of a wholly different order than that of the Normal Duel Field.



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characters

■ **Kuroyukihime** = Umesato Junior High School student council vice president. Trim and clever girl who has it all. Her background is shrouded in mystery. Her in-school avatar is a spangled butterfly she programmed herself. Her duel avatar is the Black King, "Black Lotus."

■ **Haruyuki** = Haruyuki Arita. Grade Seven at Umesato Junior High School. Bullied, on the pudgy side. He's good at games but is shy. His in-school avatar is a pink pig. His duel avatar is Silver Crow.

■ **Chiyuri** = Chiyuri Kurashima. Haruyuki's childhood friend. A meddling, energetic girl. Her in-school avatar is a silver cat.

■ **Takumu** = Takumu Mayuzumi. A boy Haruyuki and Chiyuri have known since childhood. Good at kendo. His duel avatar is Cyan Pile.

■ **Nika** = Yuniko Kozuki. Grade Five girl who pretended to be Haruyuki's cousin to get in direct contact with him. Her real identity is the Red King, ruler of the Red Legion. Her duel avatar is Scarlet Rain.



CHAPTER

#13

HOLD ON A
MINUTE!

CAPTURE
CHROME
DISASTER!?

NO WAY!
I CAAAA-
AAAAN'T!!

BA
(CLAP)

BA

GUI
(CRASH)

SO
(SHAP)

WHAAA-
AAAAT!?

ALL
THINGS ARE
EXPERIENCES.
I DON'T THINK
THERE'S
ANY HARM IN
TRYING.

HARUYUKI-
KUN.





I-IT'S
TOO DAN-
GEROUS,
MASTER!



FORGET
HARU AND
ME. YOU
DIVING
IS TOO
RECKLESS!



IT'S THE
**UNLIMITED
NEUTRAL
FIELD.**

HIS HUNTING
GROUND ISN'T
THE NORMAL
DUEL FIELD...



AND
IN THE
WORST-
CASE
SCENARIO
...

...ACCORDING
TO THE SPECIAL
RULES FOR
LEVEL-NINE
PLAYERS, YOU'LL
LOSE BRAIN
BURST!!

IF BY CHANCE
ANOTHER LEVEL-
NINE PLAYER
LAUNCHES A
SURPRISE ATTACK
ON YOU AND YOU'RE
DEFEATED...



IT'S EVEN
POSSIBLE THAT
THIS IS JUST
A TRAP SET BY
THE RED KING!

...IT'S MY
DUTY TO
SAY THIS.

SO I
WILL GO
AHEAD AND
SAY IT.





IT'S
POSSIBLE
SHE'S
PLANNING
TO LURE YOU
INTO THE
UNLIMITED
FIELD...

...AMBUSH
YOU WITH
A LARGE
FORCE, AND
TAKE YOUR
HEAD...!!



WHAT'S YOUR
DEAL? YOU THE
GLASSES GUY?
YOUR NICKNAME
"PROFESSOR"?

THIS WHOLE
TIME, YOU'VE
BEEN THE ONE
SAYING ALL
THE SMART
STUFF.



THANKS
FOR
SAYING IT,
CYAN PILE.



IF IT'S
PROOF
YOU'RE
AFTER...

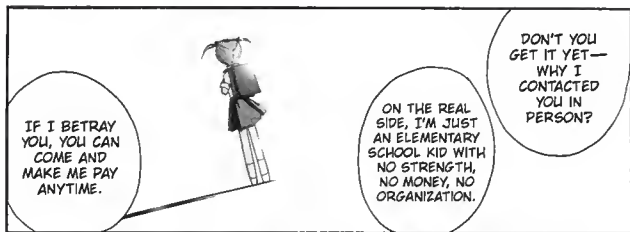
...I
ALREADY
GAVE IT TO
YOU...!!

Yuniko Kozu



I'M
SAYING,
SHOW
US SOME
PROOF.

ENOUGH
TO MAKE
US BELIEVE
WHAT YOU'RE
SAY—





DOES
THIS MEAN
WE'LL HELP
NIKO...?

UH,
OKAY.
GOT IT.
SO
THEN...

...QUIT
WITH THE
"YUNIKO-
CHAN."

NIKO.

...NIKO'S
GOOD.

THERE ARE
MANY RISKS,
BUT FOR THE
PRESENT, LET'S
ACCEPT THIS
THING AT FACE
VALUE.

MM.



MM.

I'LL TELL
MY GUYS NOT
TO TOUCH
SUGINAMI
FOR THE
TIME BEING.



HOWEVER...
THAT BEING
THAT,
SCARLET
RAIN...

HOW ARE YOU
INTENDING TO
AMBUSH CHROME
DISASTER IN THE
UNLIMITED FIELD?



BECAUSE
FOR THE
INCOMPARABLE
PROMINENCE
TO COME TO
US WITH SUCH
A SIGNIFICANT
REQUEST...

...THEY'VE
NATURALLY
PREPARED SOME
BARGAINING
POINTS.

TCHI!
...GOT
IT.



MY...CAN
YOU DO
THAT?

RIGHT NOW,
ALL I CAN
SAY IS...IT'LL
PROBABLY BE
TOMORROW
EVENING.

I'LL TAKE
RESPONSIBILI-
TY FOR THAT,
SET THE TIME
AND PLACE.



WHOA!
IT'S
ALREADY
SO LATE!

WELL,
I'LL BE
GETTING
HOME,
MASTER,
HARU.

I MISSED
MY CHANCE
TO ASK
ABOUT THE
UNLIMITED
FIELD...



YES!

ACCEPT-
ABLE,
YES?

WE'LL MEET
HERE AGAIN
AFTER SCHOOL
TOMORROW
AND DIVE INTO
THE UNLIMITED
NEUTRAL FIELD.

IN
THAT
CASE,
I'LL
LET YOU
HANDLE
IT.



'KAY
THEN,
BLACKIE.
DON'T BE
LATE TO-
MORROW,
Y'HEAR?

SEE YOU
TOMOR-
ROW.



KURU
(WHIRL)

—NOW
THEN...

...BACK
TO THE
GAMES.
♪



GUESS I'LL
JUST HAVE
TO ASK
TOMORROW
WHEN WE
MEET...

THANKS
FOR THE
COFFEE,
HARUYUKI-
KUN.

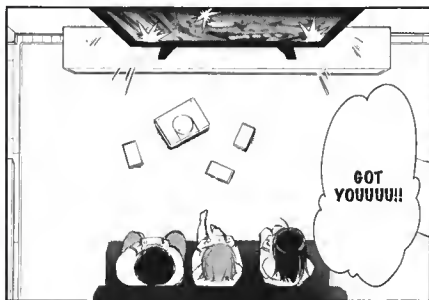
I'LL
TAKE MY
LEAVE
FOR
TODAY
TOO.





















...THEN
ONE DAY,
THEY'LL
HAVE TO
FIGHT EACH
OTHER.

IF THEY
BOTH HAVE
THEIR
SIGHTS SET
ON LEVEL
TEN...

THE
BLACK
KING AND
THE RED
KING...



...BOTH
HAD WISHED
FOR THIS
MOMENT
DEEP IN THEIR
HEARTS...

AL-
MOST
AS
IF...

BUT TONIGHT,
THE TWO
OF THEM...

...ARE
SLEEPING
NEXT TO
EACH OTHER
LIKE THIS
IN THE REAL
WORLD.



AN
ACCIDENTAL
MIRACLE
NEVER TO
HAPPEN
AGAIN?

OR...

IS THIS
SCENE THE
ILLUSION OF
A SINGLE
NIGHT?











...HMPH!!

SO JUST LIKE THE REAL WORLD, ALL KINDS OF PROBLEMS HAPPEN.

IT CREATES ANOTHER WORLD BY ACCELERATING YOUR THOUGHTS.

NO... WE TALKED ABOUT THIS BEFORE...



I AM NOT OKAY WITH THIS!!

I MEAN, IT'S JUST A GAME, RIGHT?



Huh?

BISHI (SNAP)

IF YOU SHOW ME, I'LL SHUT UP ABOUT IT.

OKAY, FINE!!



WHAAAAAAT!?

I'LL START PLAYING THIS GAME TOO!!

AND THEN I'LL BE, WHAT DID YOU CALL IT, A, UH... "BURST LINKER" TOO!!



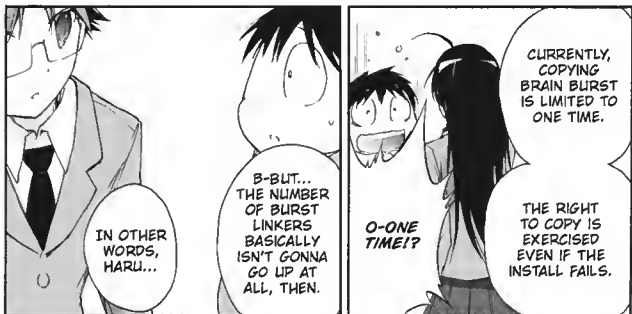
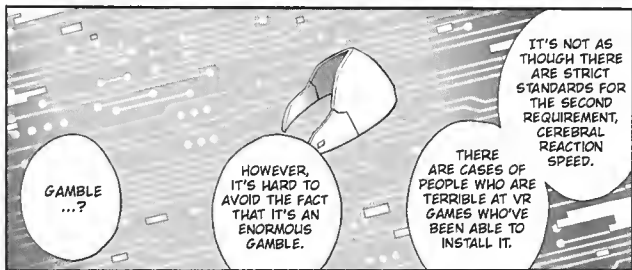
AND I DON'T BELIEVE A WORD OF THAT!!

I MEAN, YOU SAY YOU "ACCELERATE," BUT I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS...











THAT
MEANS THAT'S
PROBABLY THE
THRESHOLD FOR
KEEPING THE
ACCELERATION
TECHNOLOGY
HIDDEN.

...I THINK
THE ADMINIS-
TRATOR WHO
RUNS THIS
GAME...

...WANTS
THE CURRENT
NUMBER OF
PEOPLE—ABOUT
A THOUSAND—
TO BE THE
UPPER LIMIT.



HUH?
SO
THEN...



BUT...THE
DAY'S DEFINITELY
GOING TO COME
WHEN THE
SECRET GETS
OUT, RIGHT?

I MEAN,
CHIYU ALREADY
KNOWS
PRETTY MUCH
EVERYTHING
AND ALL.

—BUT.

I CAN SAY
JUST THIS WITH
CERTAINTY.



WHAT'S
THE ADMIN'S
OBJECTIVE
WITH THIS
GAME,
THEN....?

IF YOU WANT
TO KNOW, YOUR
ONLY CHOICE IS
TO REACH LEVEL
TEN AND ASK
THE DEVELOPER
YOURSELF.

THINK
ABOUT THAT
ALL YOU
WANT, BUT
THERE'S NO
ANSWER TO
BE HAD.



WHEN
YOU SAID
THAT ABOUT
RUNNING
THE GAME,
I REMEM-
BERED...

...THERE
ARE NO
FEES, NO
ADS...



OR
RATHER...



OR WE'RE
ALREADY
PAYING IT...

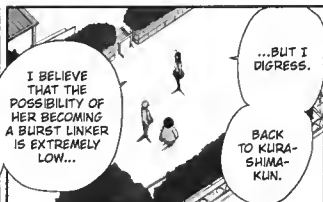


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THE TIME WILL
INEVITABLY
COME WHEN
EVERY LAST
BURST
LINKER IS
ANNIHILATED.

AND...

THE DAY WILL
ALSO INEVITABLY
COME WHEN WE
ARE MADE TO
PAY A PRICE IN
LINE WITH THE
PRIVILEGE OF
ACCELERATION...





MY MOTHER
WHY WON'T
HE MEET
MY EYES

BUT...

IT'S
DIFFERENT
FROM
PARENT-
CHILD
RELATIONSHIPS IN
THE REAL
WORLD.

MY
FATHER
LEFT
ME.

NO.

THERE'S
DEFINITELY A
STRONG BOND
BETWEEN SENPAI
AND ME.

NEGA-
TIVES...!?



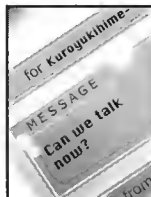
RIGHT..
FOR
SURE...



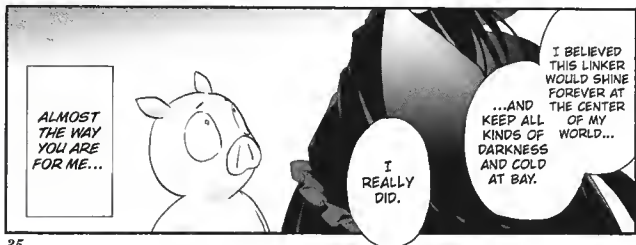
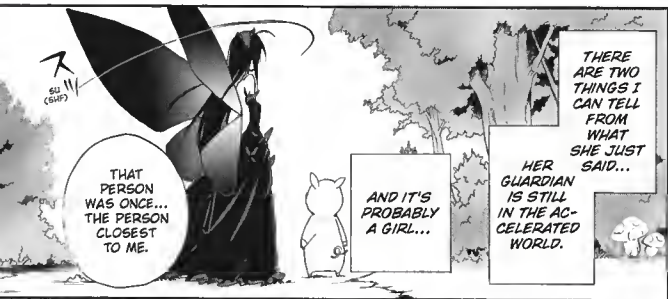
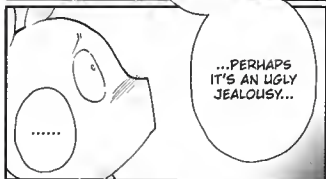
...KURO-
YUKIHIME
SENPAI'S
GUARD-
IAN...?

WHO IS...

NOW
THAT I'M
THINKING
ABOUT IT...









HOWEVER,
ONE DAY...ONE
INSTANT...

...I REALIZED
THAT THIS
WAS AN
EPHEMERAL
ILLUSION.

IF
IT WERE
POSSIBLE,
I WOULD
...

...SEVER
THE AVATAR'S
LIMBS AND
MAKE THE
LINKER CRAWL
BEFORE
ME.

I WOULD
LOP OFF
THE AVATAR'S
HEAD
WITHOUT
MERCY.

HOWEVER,
I WILL NEVER
REALIZE THAT
DREAM...

NOW YOU
COULD GO
SO FAR
AS TO SAY
THAT...

...FOR ME, THIS
PERSON IS MY
ARCHENEMY.



IT'S...

GUARDIAN
AND
CHILD...

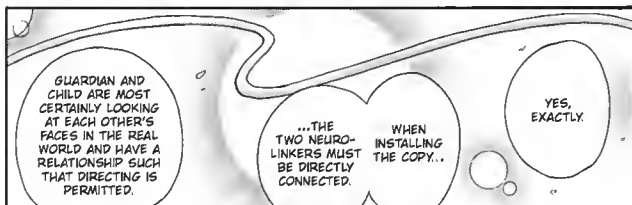
...KNOW EACH
OTHER IN THE
REAL, WITHOUT
EXCEPTION.



HARU-
YUKI-
KUN.

DO YOU
UNDER-
STAND...

...WHERE THE
RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN BURST
LINKER GUARDIAN
AND CHILD IS
FUNDAMENTALLY
DIFFERENT
FROM, SAY, THE
RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN
PARTNERS OR
LOVERS?

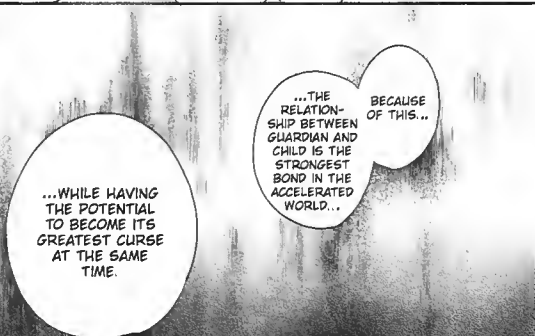


GUARDIAN AND
CHILD ARE MOST
CERTAINLY LOOKING
AT EACH OTHER'S
FACES IN THE REAL
WORLD AND HAVE A
RELATIONSHIP SUCH
THAT DIRECTING IS
PERMITTED.

...THE
TWO NEURO-
LINKERS MUST
BE DIRECTLY
CONNECTED.

WHEN
INSTALLING
THE COPY..

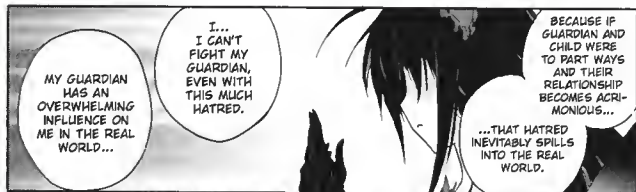
YES,
EXACTLY.



...WHILE HAVING
THE POTENTIAL
TO BECOME ITS
GREATEST CURSE
AT THE SAME
TIME.

...THE
RELATION-
SHIP BETWEEN
GUARDIAN AND
CHILD IS THE
STRONGEST
BOND IN THE
ACCELERATED
WORLD...

BECAUSE
OF THIS..



MY GUARDIAN
HAS AN
OVERWHELMING
INFLUENCE ON
ME IN THE REAL
WORLD...

I...
I CAN'T
FIGHT MY
GUARDIAN,
EVEN WITH
THIS MUCH
HATRED.

BECAUSE IF
GUARDIAN AND
CHILD WERE
TO PART WAYS
AND THEIR
RELATIONSHIP
BECOMES ACRI-
MONIOUS...

...THAT HATRED
INEVITABLY SPILLS
INTO THE REAL
WORLD.



ギュー
(SQUEEZE)
:



...SO EVEN
THOUGH THE
ONLY PROOF
OF A BURST
LINKER'S
EXISTENCE
IS THE
DUEL...

...WE
CAN'T FIGHT
BECAUSE WE
ARE GUARDIAN
AND CHILD.



...IF YOU
DON'T CALL
THAT A CURSE,
THEN WHAT
IS IT?

SENPAI...



IF...
A DAY LIKE
THAT COMES
FOR SOME
UNAVOIDABLE
REASON...

...I...

I ABSOLUTELY
WILL NOT
FIGHT YOU.

I SAID THIS
YESTERDAY
TOO.



HARUYUKI-
KUN.....

...WILL
UNINSTALL
BRAIN BURST
WITH MY OWN
HAND...!!

60
(GHP)

YOU
FIGHT.

FOOL.

I'D BE
THE ONE
TO STEP
DOWN.

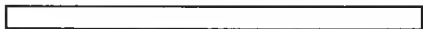
I
definitely
don't...

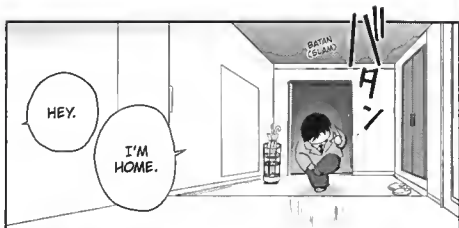
...No.

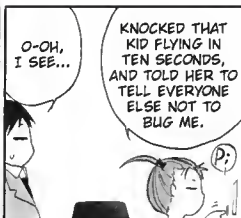
...want
that!

YOU SHOULD
BE THE ONE TO
STAY IN THE
ACCELERATED
WORLD.

YOU HAVE
MUCH MORE
FUN WITH THE
DUELS THAN
I DO.









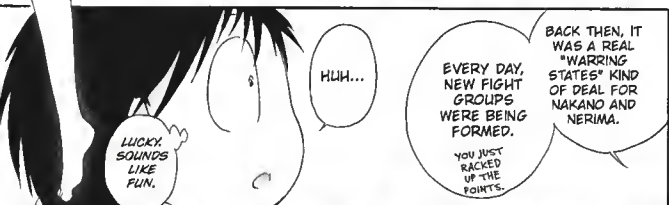
AND
ANYWAY...

...THE REASON
I COULD FLY
THROUGH THE
RANKS AND
BECOME THE
NEXT KING...

...WAS BECAUSE
LOTUS TOOK OUT
THE OLD KING,
TEMPORARILY
DISMANTLING THE
RED LEGION FOR
ME.

WHEN I
HEARD THE
MASTER'D BEEN
STRUCK DOWN
IN A SURPRISE
ATTACK BY
LOTUS AND
LOST ALL HIS
POINTS...

...THE
ONLY THING
I THOUGHT
WAS...DANG,
LEVEL NINE'S
TOUGH.



LUCKY.
SOUNDS
LIKE
FUN.

HUH...

EVERY DAY,
NEW FIGHT
GROUPS
WERE BEING
FORMED.

YOU JUST
RACKED
UP THE
POINTS.

BACK THEN, IT
WAS A REAL
"WARRING
STATES" KIND
OF DEAL FOR
NAKANO AND
NERIMA.



HMMMMMM...
THERE'RE
PROBABLY
SOME OLD-
TIMERS WHO
WOULD BE.

SO THEN,
THE RED LEGION
RIGHT NOW...

...ISN'T
INTERESTED IN
ANY KIND OF
VENGEANCE ON
THE BLACK KING?



...WHEN
PROMINENCE
DISAPPEARED
BACK THEN.

...TRANS-
FERRED
TO OTHER
LEGIONS
PRETTY
QUICK...

BUT
THE ONES
BURNING
UP WITH A
HATE-ON FOR
LOTUS...



ぽかん...

DOKAN
(GAPE)

...BUT
IF THAT'S
WHERE THEIR
HEADS ARE
AT, FIGHTING
TO BRING
BACK PROMI
WOULD'VE
BEEN THE
EASIEST
WAY.



THE WHOLE
IDEA OF
PICKING UP
WHERE THE
LAST GUY
LEFT OFF
MAKES ME
LAUGH...

HONESTLY!!
DOESN'T
MAKE ANY
SENSE!!



.....
.....



...WHAT?



—THE
TRUTH
IS...

OH!
O-O-KAY.

YOU
TOTES
CAN'T TELL
THAT GIRL
THIS.

...
AND
...

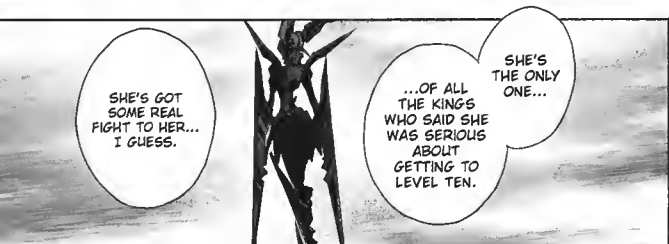
SIT
DOWN
ALREADY.

N-NO,
NOTHING
...



...PRETTY
AMAZING.

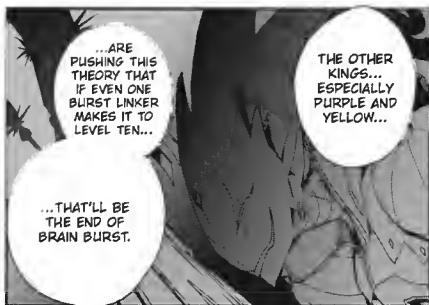
I THINK
SHE'S—
BLACK
LOTUS
IS...



SHE'S GOT
SOME REAL
FIGHT TO HER...
I GUESS.

...OF ALL
THE KINGS
WHO SAID SHE
WAS SERIOUS
ABOUT
GETTING TO
LEVEL TEN.

SHE'S
THE ONLY
ONE...



...ARE
PUSHING THIS
THEORY THAT
IF EVEN ONE
BURST LINKER
MAKES IT TO
LEVEL TEN...

...THAT'LL BE
THE END OF
BRAIN BURST.

THE OTHER
KINGS...
ESPECIALLY
PURPLE AND
YELLOW...

THE OTHER
KINGS, ME
INCLUDED, ARE
ALL LINED UP
UNDER THE
LUKEWARM
PRETEXT OF
THE STUPID
TERRITORIAL
NONAGGRESSION
PACT.

AND...Y'KNOW,
SOME OF THE
OTHER KINGS
SECRETLY HAVE
THEIR SIGHTS
SET ON LEVEL
TEN TOO.



THE DAY
WILL INEVITABLY
COME WHEN
EVERY LAST
BURST LINKER IS
ANNIHILATED.

TH-THAT
CAN'T BE...



DIS-
TORTS?

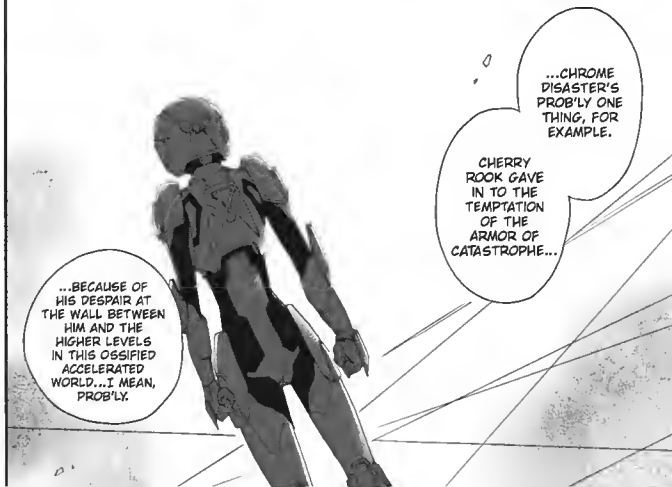
BUT...
I WONDER IF
IT'S REALLY
OKAY FOR US
TO CLING TO IT
LIKE THIS.

IT IS
TRUE THAT THE
NONAGGRESSION
PACT DISTORTS
WHAT THE
ACCELERATED
WORLD SHOULD
BE.



IN THAT
INSTANT...
ALL THE
BURST
LINKERS...

...GET
BRAIN BURST
FORCEFULLY
UNINSTALLED,
WITHOUT
EXCEPTION...
SO THEY
SAY.



...BECAUSE OF
HIS DESPAIR AT
THE WALL BETWEEN
HIM AND THE
HIGHER LEVELS
IN THIS OSSIFIED
ACCELERATED
WORLD...I MEAN,
PROB'LY.

...CHROME
DISASTER'S
PROB'LY ONE
THING, FOR
EXAMPLE.

CHERRY
ROOK GAVE
IN TO THE
TEMPTATION
OF THE
ARMOR OF
CATASTROPHE...

SHUT
UP!!

NIKO...

DON'T SAY
ANYTHING!!
DON'T LOOK
AT ME!! GO
AWAY!!

か
は
ば
GABA
(CLUMP)

...ANYWAY!!

AND IN
A WAY...

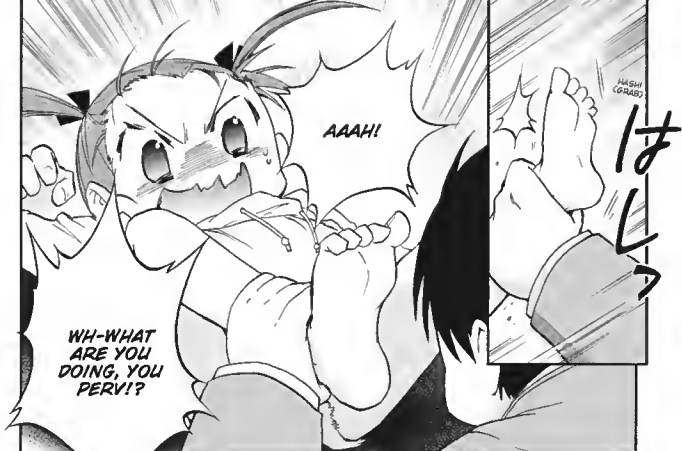
...WHAT
PUSHED HIM
TO IT WAS A
SINGLE KING,
ME...

WHY AM I
TELLING YOU
ALL THIS
STUFF?

IF YOU
DON'T
FORGET IT
RIGHT HERE
AND NOW, I
WILL KNOCK
YOUR FACE
IN!!

JUST
FORGET IT,
ALL OF IT!!
ALL THIS
NOW WAS
LIES!!

またまたまた
BATA
BATA
BATA
ORIKO



...I'VE PLAYED
A TON OF NET
GAMES NOW,
SO I CAN
TELL YOU...

BUT...

...THAT
YOU'D WANT
TO STAY
IN THAT
WORLD
FOREVER.

IT'S TOTALLY
NATURAL THAT
YOU WOULDN'T
WANT THE GAME
TO STOP...

...THAN THE
"END" OF A
GAME WITH
NO ENDING...

THERE'S
NOTHING
SADDER AND
LONELIER...

I'VE
EXPERIENCED
THAT MOMENT
COUNTLESS
TIMES.

...AND THEN
THE SERVERS
GET TURNED
OFF, AND NO
ONE REALLY
EVEN SAYS
ANYTHING
ABOUT IT.

....THERE'S
A QUIET
ANNOUNCEMENT
THAT IT'S
SHUTTING
DOWN...

NET GAMES
THAT STOP
MAKING MONEY
BECAUSE THE
USERS GET
BORED AND
MOVE ON TO
SOME OTHER
GAME...



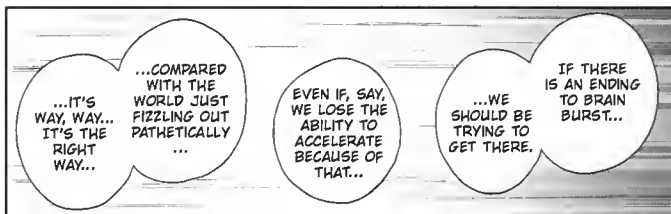
IT'S COMPLETELY WRONG...!!

THAT KIND OF ENDING IS WRONG.



SEEING OFF A DIS-APPEARING WORLD...

AFTER I'VE LINKED OUT... BACK IN MY OWN ROOM, I'VE CRIED COUNTLESS TIMES.



...IT'S WAY, WAY... IT'S THE RIGHT WAY...

...COMPARED WITH THE WORLD JUST FIZZLING OUT PATHETICALLY ...

EVEN IF, SAY, WE LOSE THE ABILITY TO ACCELERATE BECAUSE OF THAT...

...WE SHOULD BE TRYING TO GET THERE.

IF THERE IS AN ENDING TO BRAIN BURST...



BUT... I KINDA FEEL LIKE I MAYBE GET IT A BIT.

YOU'RE A WEIRD ONE.

TO BE HONEST, I WAS REALLY WONDERING WHY THE FLYING ABILITY WOULD GO TO A LAZY PUDGEBALL LIKE YOU.



BUT, THAT SAID...

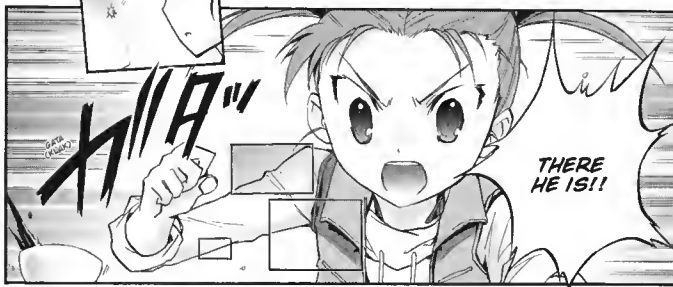


...HUH?

THE RIGHT WAY...

SO THERE ACTUALLY ARE BURST LINKERS WHO TALK LIKE THAT.





BURST!!

UNLIMITED

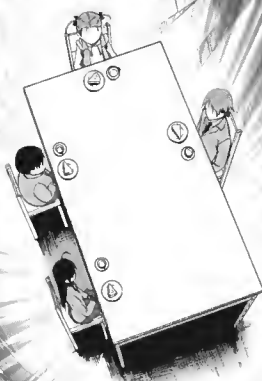
I'LL TEACH
YOU THE COMMAND
TO DIVE INTO THE
TRUE BATTLEFIELD
OF THE BURST
LINKERS.


SHOUT THE
COMMAND
AFTER ME.

IT WILL
USE TEN OF
YOUR BURST
POINTS, BUT
THAT'S NOT
A PROBLEM,
IS IT?

HERE
WE
GO!

N-NO!





BRAIN BURST : System Message

you dive into

>>> "UNLIMITED NEUTRAL FIELD"



IT IS.

TH-THIS
IS...

...THE
UNLIMITED
NEUTRAL
FIELD...?

ARE
WE ALL
HERE?

FIFTH
CHROME
DISASTER
SUBJUGA-
TION...

...MISSION
START!

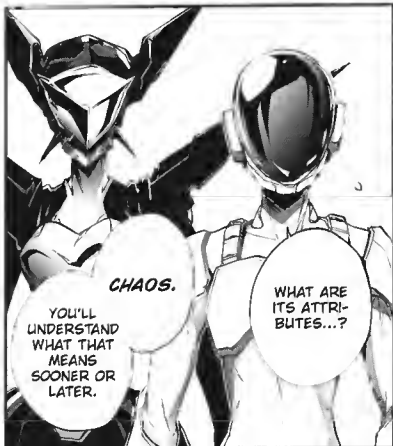


CHAPTER

#14

WHOOAAA...

I'VE NEVER
SEEN A FIELD
LIKE THIS
BEFORE.





SO
THEN...

THERE
ARE NO
LIMITS TO
THE AREA
OR TO THE
TIME.

YES...
THERE'S
NO TIME
LIMIT TO
DIVES.

er Crow

THE TIME
COUNTER...
TH-THE TIME
REMAINING'S
GONE?

MM.

OH...



ABOUT
THREE
YEARS...

TWENTY-
FOUR HOURS,
A THOUSAND
TIMES
FASTER...

SO IF
YOU SPENT
A WHOLE REAL
WORLD DAY
ACCELERATED
...

THAT'S THE
UNLIMITED
NEUTRAL
FIELD FOR
YOU.



...I HUNG
AROUND FOR
THREE DAYS
TO GET MY TEN
BURST POINTS
WORTH.

WHEN
I FIRST
CAME
HERE...

BUT THEN,
I FORGOT
EVERYTHING
I WAS
PLANNING TO DO
RIGHT BEFORE
I ACCELERATED.
IT TOTALLY
SUCKED.



DON
CARE

HOW MUCH
HOMEWORK
COULD I GET
DONE...

YOU'D BE
BETTER OFF
GIVING UP
ON THAT,
HARU.

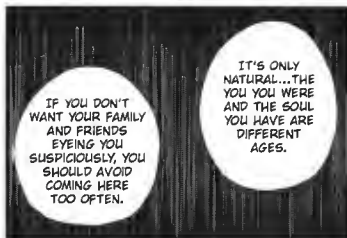
HUHI?



ゴ
ン
...
GONU
(GULP)

WHEN
THEY
RETURN...

...PEOPLE
ARE
CHANGED.



IF YOU DON'T
WANT YOUR FAMILY
AND FRIENDS
EYING YOU
SUSPICIOUSLY, YOU
SHOULD AVOID
COMING HERE
TOO OFTEN.

IT'S ONLY
NATURAL...THE
YOU YOU WERE
AND THE SOUL
YOU HAVE ARE
DIFFERENT
AGES.



THAT'S
RIGHT,
HARUYUKI-
KUN.

IN JUST
THREE DAYS,
YOU FORGET
WHAT YOU WERE
GOING TO DO,
BUT...IF SOMEONE
SPENDS A MONTH
OR SIX MONTHS
HERE...



SO
HIGH...

WHY WOULD
WE DO THAT?
WHY DO YOU
THINK YOU'RE
HERE?

ARE WE
WALKING?
OR
RUNNING?
OR...?

HUH?

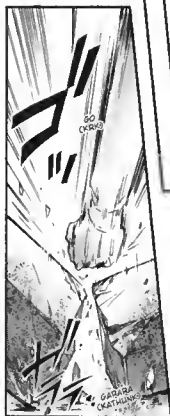


ANYWAY,
LET'S GET
MOVING
ALREADY.

THERE WERE
STILL TWO
MINUTES REAL
TIME BEFORE
THE TRAIN
CHERRY'S
ON GETS TO
IKEBUKURO...

THIRTY-
THREE
HOURS FROM
NOW ON
THIS SIDE.
BASICALLY A
WHOLE DAY.

I WANT TO
MAKE SURE
WE'RE THERE
BEFORE HIM.



YOU'LL
GIVE US
A BIG
HUG AND
CARRY US,
RIGHT?

BIG
BROTHER?
♡



YOU GOTTA
BE KIDDING!
WHY WOULD I
DO SOME-
THING AS
HUMILIATING
AS THAT?

YOU
HANG
FROM
SILVER
CROW'S
LEGS.

WITH THESE
ARMS, I HAVE
NO CHOICE
BUT TO BE
HELD.



Okay,
okay...

...how
about we
do it like
this?

WHAT
DID YOU
SAY?!

YOUR
DESIGN'S
THE PROBLEM
HERE. TAKE
THE TRAIN BY
YOURSELF!!



PHIEW...

MY
SPECIAL
ATTACK
GAUGE'S
FULL.



SO? THINK
YOU CAN
HANDLE IT?

Y-yeah...

Although I
probably won't
be able to go
too fast...

FWWA
(FLIGHT)

FWWA

GASHA
(CHANG)

IT'S UP
TO YOU,
HARU.

OKAY
THEN, JUST
ME LEFT.



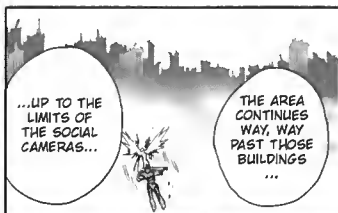


IF YOU ARE AIMING FOR LEVEL NINE, ONE DAY YOU WILL HAVE TO FIGHT IN THIS PLACE AND COME OUT VICTORIOUS.

AND THIS IS THE BURST LINKERS' TRUE BATTLEFIELD.

EX-
ACTLY.

R-
RIGHT
...!!



...UP TO THE LIMITS OF THE SOCIAL CAMERAS...

THE AREA CONTINUES WAY, WAY PAST THOSE BUILDINGS
...



NOT
MOMENTARILY,
BUT A
PERMANENT
WORLD...

ALWAYS
EXISTING
RIGHT NEXT
TO THE REAL
WORLD.



B-BUT
IT DOESN'T
FEEL LIKE
THERE'S
ANYONE...

THERE ARE
BURST LINKERS
OTHER THAN US
HERE, RIGHT?

A-ANY-
WAY...



AND WE'RE
MOVING
THAT WAY
OURSELVES.

RIGHT. WHICH
IS EXACTLY WHY
CHERRY ROOK
IS HEADED TO
THE BUKES—
FOR PREY.

O-O-KAY,
THEN. SO IF
WE GO MORE
INTO THE
CENTER OF
TOWN?

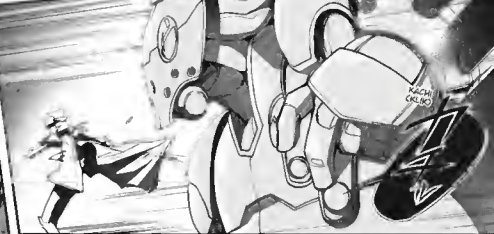


IN A PLACE
WITH NOTHING,
LIKE SUGINAMI,
THE NUMBER
OF PEOPLE
IN AT THE
SAME TIME IS
APPROXIMATELY
ZERO.

THAT'S
BECAUSE
THERE'S A
GRAND TOTAL
OF ONLY A
THOUSAND
OR SO
BURST
LINKERS.







SPECIAL THANKS!! DUEL AVATAR: EVERYONE IN RECRUITING, PLANNING, AND ADOPTION
 CARROT MATADOR • MURKUDO-SAN/AMBER FOX • OTTORI-SAN
 PEACOCK AXE • UMINO-SAN/WHISKEY HIDE • KOBUCHI-SAN
 ADAMITE COIL • G.ROBO-SAN/OPERA PIPER • INDOU KEIJI-SAN



NOW!!





ALTHOUGH
THE PARTY
LOOKS
MIXED.

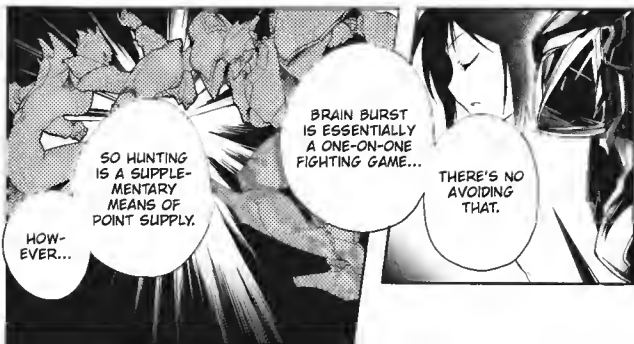
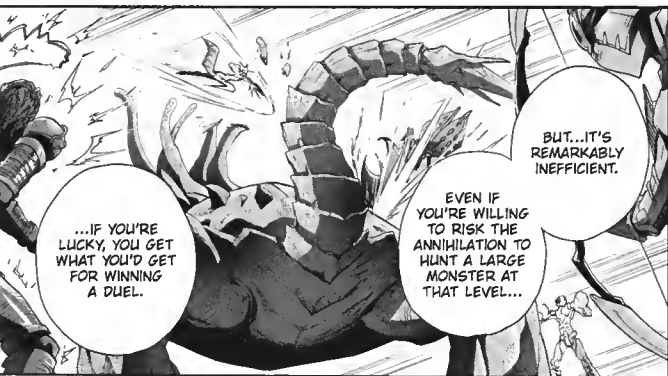
PRETTY
SURE IT'S
A SENIOR
MEMBER OF
THE GREEN
LEGION.



HMM.

WHO'S THE
LEADER?

FAIRLY
DECENT PARTY.
GOOD HATE
CONTROL.





CURRENTLY...

...THIS HAS
BECOME THE
LONE ROAD
TO A HIGHER
LEVEL.

THE MUTUAL
NONAGGRES-
SION PACT...
RIGHT?

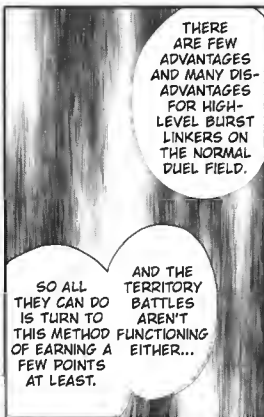
THE
REASON
BEING—



TAKU
...?

...IN THIS
FIELD, THERE'S
ONE WAY OTHER
THAN HUNTING,
ISN'T THERE?

...BUT,
MASTER
...



THERE
ARE FEW
ADVANTAGES
AND MANY DIS-
ADVANTAGES
FOR HIGH-
LEVEL BURST
LINKERS ON
THE NORMAL
DUEL FIELD.

SO ALL
THEY CAN DO
IS TURN TO
THIS METHOD
OF EARNING A
FEW POINTS
AT LEAST.

AND THE
TERRITORY
BATTLES
AREN'T
FUNCTIONING
EITHER...



I WON'T
DENY THAT
THAT IS ONE
WAY.



HERE, YOU CAN
MEET HIGH-
LEVEL BURST
LINKERS, THE
SORT YOU'D
NEVER MEET IN
THE NORMAL
DUEL FIELD...

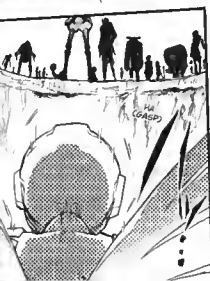
...AND
ANYTHING IS
POSSIBLE HERE—
AMBUSHES,
SURPRISE
ATTACKS.



...YOU
CAN'T
MEAN...

...THE
BURST
LINKERS
...?







!?

NO
WAY...

A
CLOWN
...!?

**YELLOW
RADIO!**

...**"YELLOW
KING"**...?

...WHAT ARE
YOU DOING
HERE...

SUCH
A VIVID
YELLOW, NOT
A TRACE OF
DULLNESS
TO IT...



HELLO,
RED KING.

WHEN
THE LITTLE BUG
FLUTTERING IN
THE SKY COMES
FALLING TO EARTH..
HE BRINGS A
SURPRISING
GUEST.

WELL,
WELL...

...YOU!?

YOU'RE
BEHIND THIS
WHOLE
THING...

**YELLOW
RADIO...!!**



CHAPTER

#15

I ONLY CAME
HERE LOOKING FOR
CHROME DISASTER...
OR WHOEVER IT
WAS FROM THE RED
LEGION.

TO SETTLE
THE SCORE...
FOR ATTACKING
MY PRECIOUS
SUBORDINATES
AND SENDING THEM
INTO TOTAL POINT
LOSS!!

THAT'S
NO WAY TO
TALK TO A
PERSON...





IN THE
SACRED PACT,
WE HAVE THIS
CLAUSE.

—OR SO
IT SAYS.

...ANYONE
FROM THE RANKS
OF THE LEGION
TO WHICH THE
TRANSGRESSOR
BELONGS MAY BE
ASSIGNED THE
SAME FATE."

...BE
PUSHED
TO FORCED
UNINSTALLA-
TION DUE TO
AN ATTACK IN
VIOLATION OF
THE PACT...

"SHOULD
A MEMBER
OF A GIVEN
LEGION...



TO FIND
ONE PERSON
AFFILIATED
WITH THE
RED LEGION.

WHICH IS
WHY I CAME
ALL THE WAY
OUT TO THE
BOONIES OF
IKEBUKURO
HERE.



WH—

...HOWEVER,
THIS
PERSON
COINCIDEN-
TALLY...

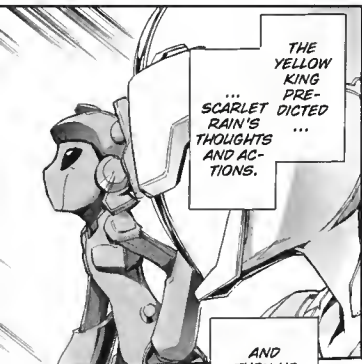
...IS NONE
OTHER THAN
THE RED KING
HERSELF!!



AN EYE
FOR AN EYE,
A TOOTH FOR
A TOOTH...
IN TRUTH, IT'S
AN UNCIVILIZED
METHOD OF
REVENGE,
HMM?

HOWEVER,
RULES ARE
RULES.

IF I,
A KING,
WERE TO
IGNORE THE
PACT HERE,
IT WOULD
SET A BAD
EXAMPLE.



THE
YELLOW
KING
PRE-
DICTED
...
SCARLET
RAIN'S
THOUGHTS
AND AC-
TIONS.



AND
THEN HE
CLEVERLY
LURED HER
INTO THIS
SITUATION...

...TO
LEGALLY
TAKE THE
HEAD OF
LEVEL NINE
SCARLET
RAIN...

...AS ONE OF
THE FIVE HE
NEEDS TO
GET TO LEVEL
TEN....!!

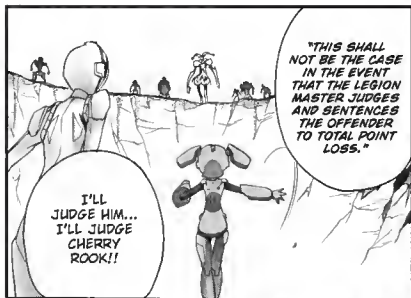


IT'S NO
COINCIDENCE!!

SU
COINCID

THIS MUST BE
ANOTHER TRICK
OF FATE...?

HEH-HEH-
HEH...



"THIS SHALL NOT BE THE CASE IN THE EVENT THAT THE LEGION MASTER JUDGES AND SENTENCES THE OFFENDER TO TOTAL POINT LOSS."



IT SHOULD ALSO SAY THIS IN THE PACT.



IF YOU ARE GOING TO CHALLENGE HIM AGAIN, YOU ARE FREE TO DO SO.



OH? BUT YOU...



I HEARD YOU LOST SPECTACULARLY ONCE ALREADY?



IT'S NO USE, NIKO...!!

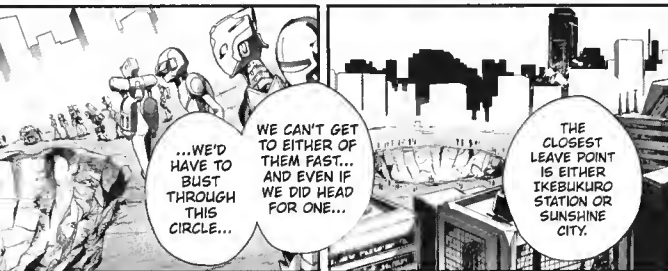
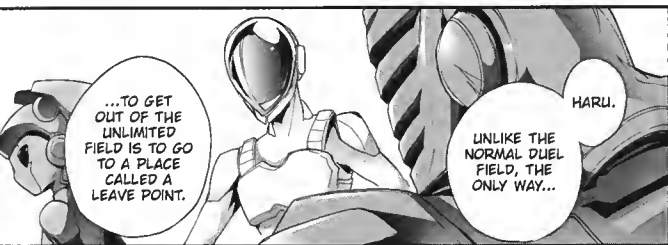
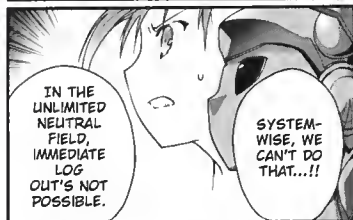
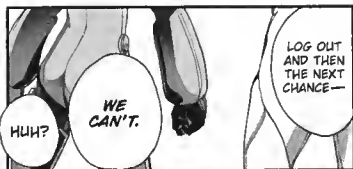
HNGH!!

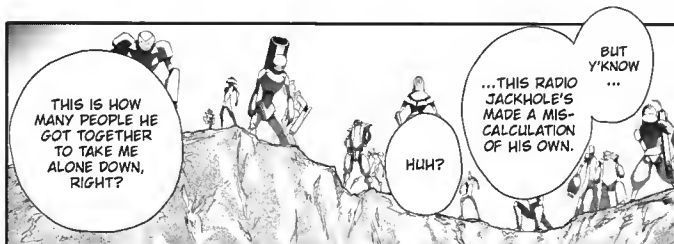
...THEN IT SEEMS OUR ONLY CHOICE WILL BE TO MAKE DO WITH YOU HERE, HMM? HEH-HEH-HEH...



IF YOU CAN'T DEAL WITH HIM RIGHT AWAY...

WE ARE BUSY TOO, YOU KNOW.





THIS IS HOW
MANY PEOPLE HE
GOT TOGETHER
TO TAKE ME
ALONE DOWN,
RIGHT?

HUH?

...THIS RADIO
JACKHOLE'S
MADE A MIS-
CALCULATION
OF HIS OWN.

BUT
Y'KNOW
...



.....
HUH...?



BUT
WE GOT
ANOTHER
ONE
HERE...

...ANOTHER
LEVEL-NINE
KING, DON'T
WE...!!

!!

RIGHT!!
SENPAI—

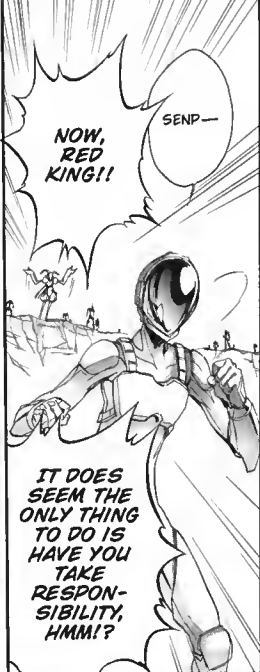
BA
(WHIRL)

は
う



...YOU'LL
JUST SIT
BACK AND
WATCH,
HMM?

AND...
THAT BEING
THE CASE...



NOW,
RED
KING!!

SEND—

IT DOES
SEEM THE
ONLY THING
TO DO IS
HAVE YOU
TAKE
RESPON-
SIBILITY,
HMM!?

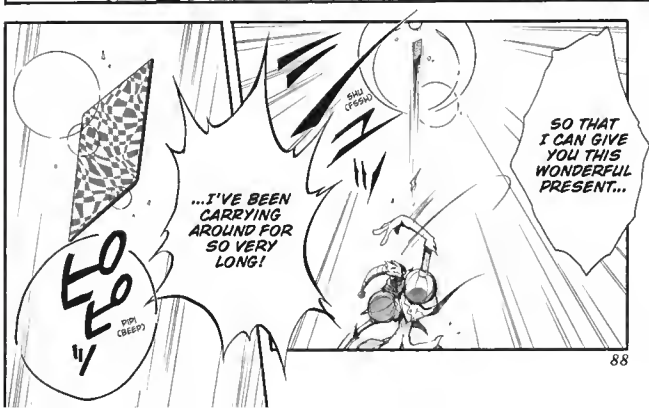


RIGHT...
BLACK
KING!!



YOU'VE GOT
TO BE KIDDING,
RADIO...!

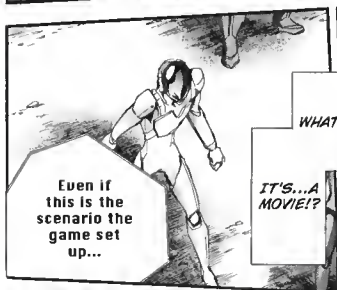
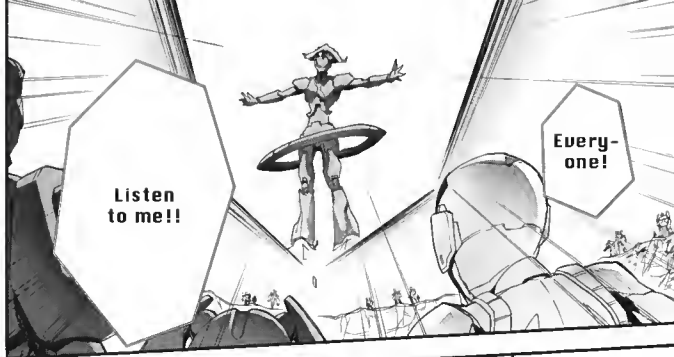
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.....





!?
THAT'S...

MY
PREDECESSOR,
THE RED
KING...RED
RIDER!!



WHAT!?

IT'S...A MOVIE!?



Hating each other, stealing from each other...

Did we fight all those duels for an ending like this!?



Isn't that right...

...the heroes of this game...!!

...we're the ones who are...

.....
.....

SENPAI
IN THE
PAST...?

...Lotus
.....!?

We've
fought
hard up
to now...

...but
that's not
because
we're
enemies.

It's
because
we're
rivals,
isn't
it!?

—I...



I don't want us to try to kill each other!!

Actually, I want to be!!

If we ever met in the real world... I could be buds with you.

I like your fighting style, Lotus.

STOP...



!!

Naturally, I mean, I respect you.

I like you too...

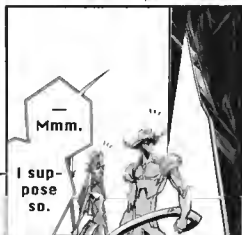
...Red Rider.



Ah, crap.

N-no, I didn't mean it like that...

Hey, Rider! You think I'm just gonna let that go!?



Mmm.

I suppose so.

STOP...!!



Well,
then.
How
about
this?

Oops!
Apologies.

...Uh...

I knew
you'd get it,
Lotus...!!



Gul
(collects)

Hey!

Come
on—!!

Don't get
mad. It's just
instead of a
handshake.



Ah—

A A A A A A A H!!

STOP
...!!

EMBRACE...

DEATH BY...



!?

SENPA—

D-don't
watch,
Haruyuki-
kun.

I...
I...
I'm...

SENPAI
...!!



SENPAI!!

HOLD ON!
PLEASE,
SENPAI...!!

ZERO
FILL!?

LOTUS,
YOU...TO
GO THAT
FAR...!?

HMM
HMM
HMM!
HA
HA
HA!

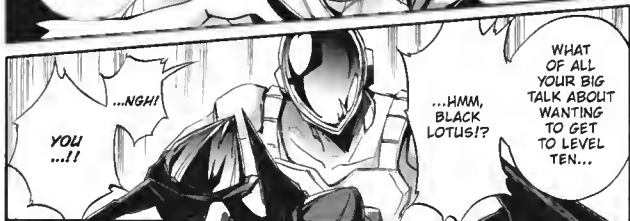
WAH
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA!!



...IS
ACTUALLY
ALMOST
DISAPPOINTING.

THAT YOU
WOULD LIVE
UP TO MY
EXPECTATIONS
AND ZERO
FOR ME...

OF
COURSE!
I THOUGHT
YOU MIGHT
STILL BE
STRONGLY
AFFECTED
BY THIS.



YOU
...!!

...NGH!

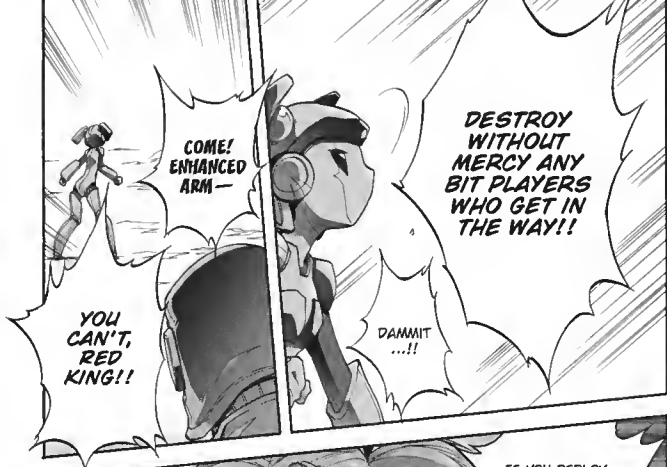
...HMM,
BLACK
LOTUS!?

WHAT
OF ALL
YOUR BIG
TALK ABOUT
WANTING
TO GET
TO LEVEL
TEN...



NOW,
THEN, LET
US ENJOY
THE FINAL
PROGRAM
OF OUR
CARNIVAL!!

READY
ATTACKS!!
TARGET:
SCARLET
RAIN!



COME!
ENHANCED
ARM—

DESTROY
WITHOUT
MERCY ANY
BIT PLAYERS
WHO GET IN
THE WAY!!

YOU
CAN'T,
RED
KING!!

DAMMIT
...!!



IF YOU DEPLOY
YOUR WEAPONS,
YOU'LL LOSE YOUR
MOBILITY AND
WON'T BE ABLE
TO WITHDRAW!

EVEN IF YOU
ARE A KING, A
FIGHT WITH THIS
MANY PEOPLE IS
IMPOSSIBLE FOR
ONE PERSON!!

...HNG!!



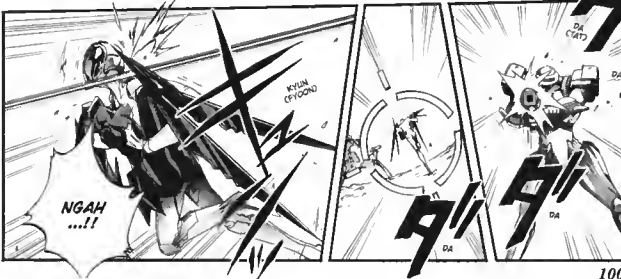
I DON'T
MATTER!

B-but if
we do that,
you'll—

I'LL HOLD
THEM OFF,
SO YOU JUST
GET HER TO
SUNSHINE
CITY SOME-
HOW!!

HARU!
TAKE
CARE OF
MASTER!

WE HAVE
TO RETREAT
TO A LEAVE
POINT!







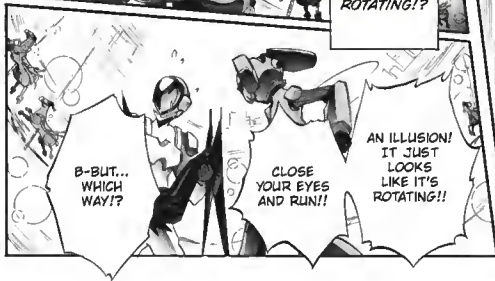
GO (HRR)

SILLY...

GO
ROUND!!



THE
GROUND...
THE FIELD'S
ROTATING!?



B-BUT...
WHICH
WAY!?

CLOSE
YOUR EYES
AND RUN!!

AN ILLUSION!
IT JUST
LOOKS
LIKE IT'S
ROTATING!!



!?

WHAT!?





I HAVE TO...
DO THIS
MUCH...TO
PAY YOU...



AT LEAST
UNTIL...
THE YELLOW
KING'S...
SPECIAL
ATTACK...
ENDS...

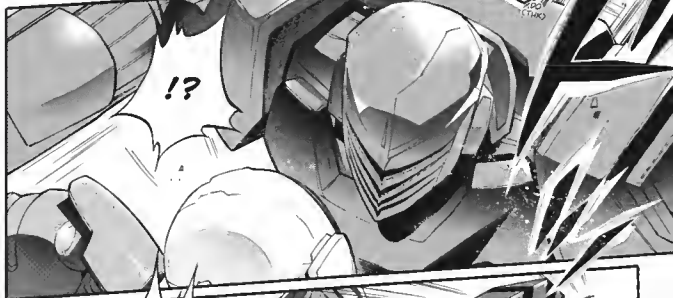
UNTIL...
THEN...!!



YOU
DON'T!!
YOU DON'T
HAVE TO!!

HOW
MANY
TIMES
DO I—

STOP,
TAKU...
STOP
ALREADY
!!



!?

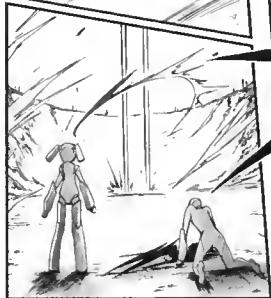
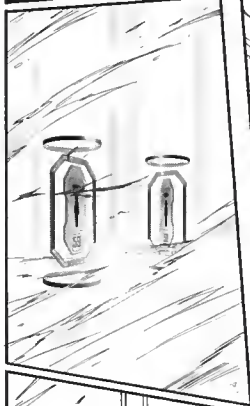
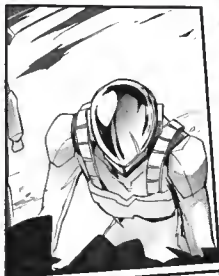


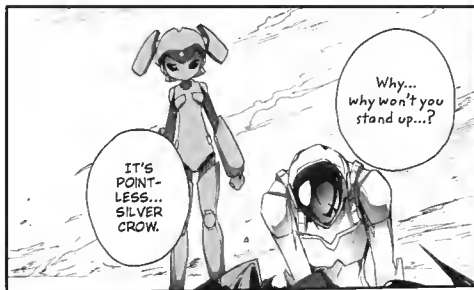
NGH
...!!

TAKU!!









IT'S
POINT-
LESS...
SILVER
CROW.

Why...
why won't you
stand up...?



Senpai...

Kuro-
yukihime-
senpai
...



THAT'S WHAT
THIS BRAIN
BURST GAME'S
ABOUT.

IF YOU
DON'T
HAVE THE
STRENGTH
TO FACE
YOUR OWN
WOUNDS...

...YOU
CAN'T EVEN
STAND UP.



...I'M NOT
THE TYPE
WHO CAN
JUST SHUT UP
AFTER BEING
AMBUSHED
LIKE THIS...

SORRY...
I KNOW
CYAN PILE
SACRIFICED
HIMSELF TO
BUY US TIME,
BUT...

ZA
(THINK)



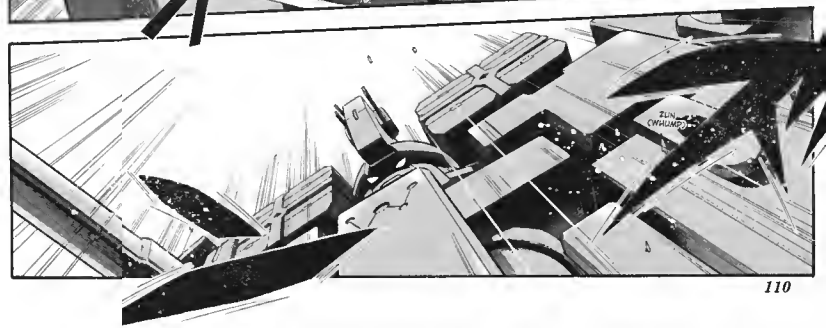
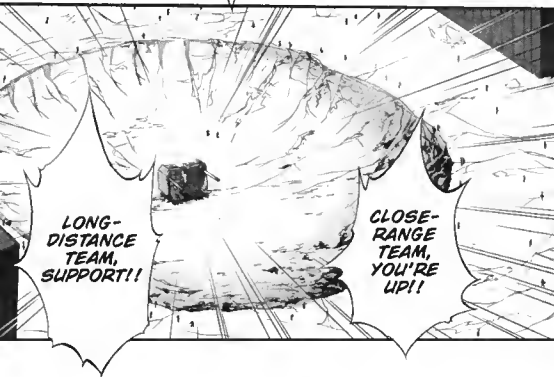
"ZERO
FILL."

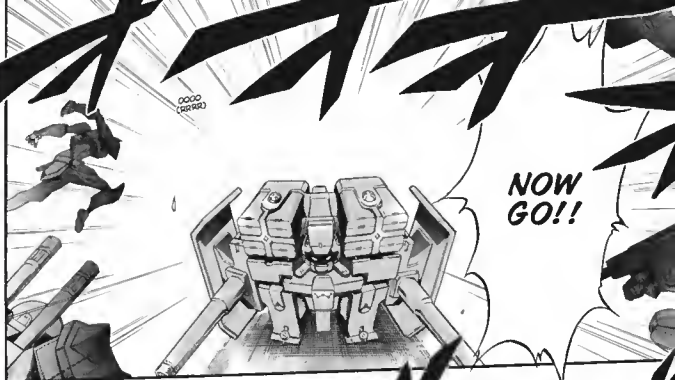
RIGHT NOW,
THE SIGNAL
OUTPUT BY
THE GIRL'S
SOUL...

...IS AT
ZERO.

WITHOUT A
BURST LINKER
WITH THE WILL
TO FIGHT, THE
AVATAR CAN'T
MOVE.







OOO
(RRRR)

**NOW
GO!!**



DON
CELANO



JAKIN
(KACHAK)

**IS
THAT
ALL
YOU
GOT!?**



DOO
(BOOO)

DA
(GAT)

DA

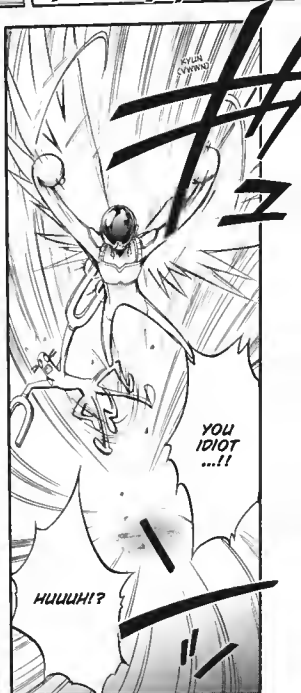
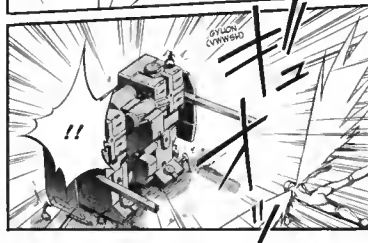
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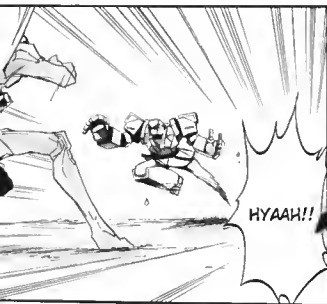
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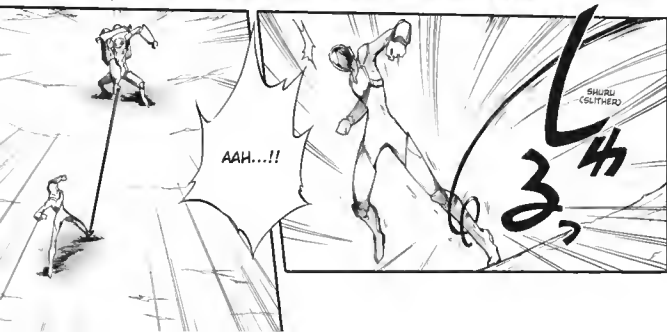
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AAAAAAAAAH!!

ELECTRONIC THERAPY!!

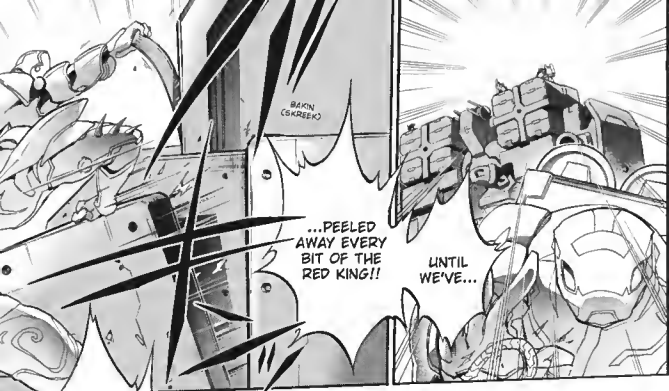
DOGA
(CTAUD)

I CAN'T
MOVE...!!

I'M ALL
NUMB...

YOU JUST
SLEEP THERE
FOR A WHILE,
BRAT!!

HEEEEE-
AAAH!!



BAKIN
(SKREEK)

...PEELED
AWAY EVERY
BIT OF THE
RED KING!!

UNTIL
WE'VE...

HNGH...!!

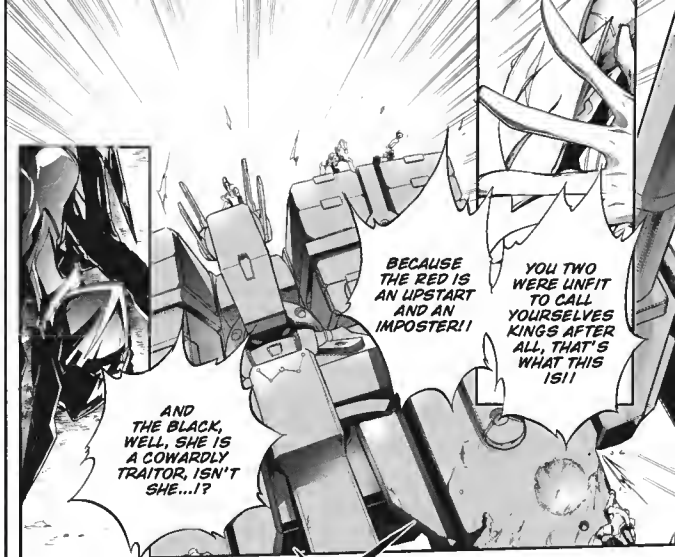
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA!!

THE
DIGNITY OF
A KING AND
ALL THAT, NOT
A SHRED OF
THAT HERE,
IS THERE!?

HOW
UNCOUTH!!
HOW
FUNNY YOU
LOOK!!

HEH
HEH...

HEH
HEH
HEH
HEH...



BECAUSE
THE RED IS
AN UPSTART
AND AN
IMPOSTER!!

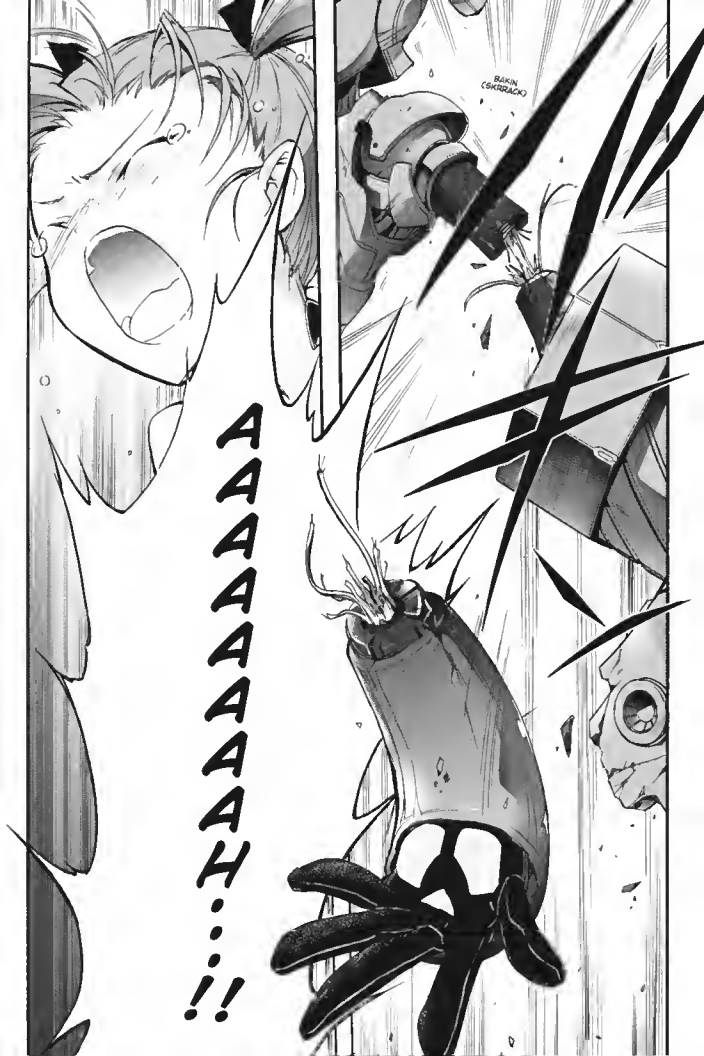
YOU TWO
WERE UNFIT
TO CALL
YOURSELVES
KINGS AFTER
ALL, THAT'S
WHAT THIS
IS!!

AND
THE BLACK,
WELL, SHE IS
A COWARDLY
TRAITOR, ISN'T
SHE...!?



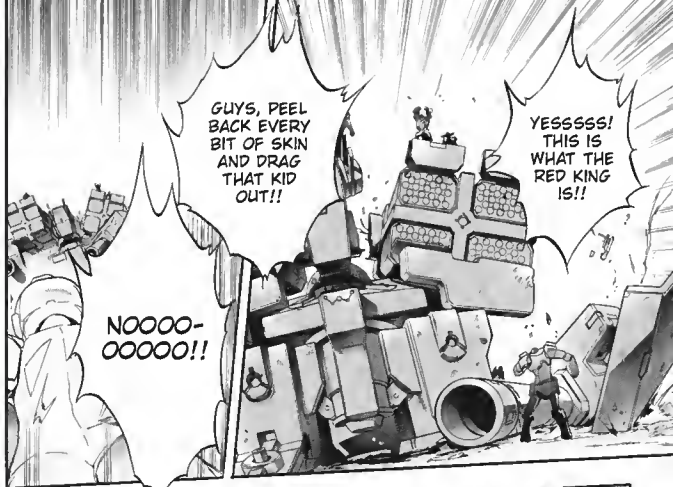
I HAVE
TO...

I HAVE
TO HURRY
AND HELP
NIKO...!



AAAAAAAAAH...!!

BAKIN
(SKRACK)



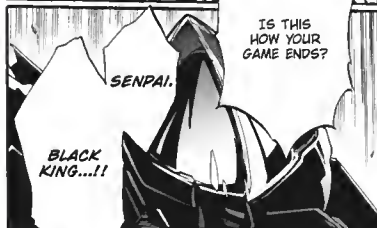
GUYS, PEEL
BACK EVERY
BIT OF SKIN
AND DRAG
THAT KID
OUT!!

YESSSSS!
THIS IS
WHAT THE
RED KING
IS!!

NOOOO-
OOOOO!!



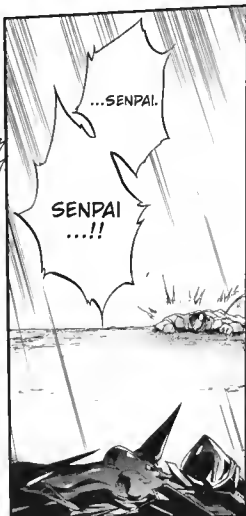
YOU...
IS THIS
WHAT YOU
WANT?



SENPAI.

BLACK
KING...!!

IS THIS
HOW YOUR
GAME ENDS?



...SENPAI.

SENPAI
...!!



**BRAIN
BURST
...!!**

ACCELERATION...!!

**YOU WERE
TRYING TO
GO BEYOND
YOUR HUMAN
SHELL!!**

**YOUR
AMBITION
TO REACH THE
UNTRODDEN
GROUND OF
LEVEL TEN
AND SEE THE
FUTURE OF THIS
WORLD...!**

**WERE
THEY SUCH
CHEAP
THINGS THAT
THEY CAN BE
REPLACED BY
THE MEMORY
OF ONE
GUY!?**

**AND NOW
YOU'RE
JUST
GOING
TO BE
PARALYZED
BY PAST
REGRETS
AND...
...CRAWL
AROUND
FOREVER
LIKE A
BUG!?**



YOU DON'T
HAVE TIME
FOR THIS!

**BLACK
LOTUS!!**

I THOUGHT
YOU
DECIDED
THAT YOU
WERE
GOING TO
CUT DOWN
EVERY
OBSTACLE
...

...MOW
THEM ALL
DOWN, AND
KEEP CHARGING
FORWARD UNTIL
YOU WERE
THE LAST ONE
STANDING!





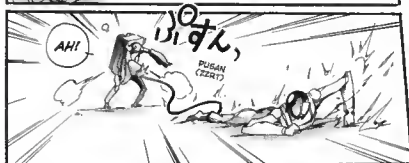


I TOLD
YOU...YOU'RE
THE FIRST.

WE
ABSO-
LUTELY
WERE
NOT.



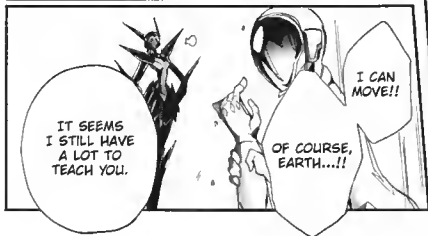
ZUDO
CHIKO



AHI

おっすん,

PUSAN
(ZERT)



IT SEEMS
I STILL HAVE
A LOT TO
TEACH YOU.

OF COURSE,
EARTH...!!

I CAN
MOVE!!



AND...

Huh?

...DON'T
JUST KEEP
ROLLING
AROUND.
THRUST A
HAND INTO
THE GROUND.



I'M GOING
TO GO LOOK
AFTER THE
LITTLE GIRL
WHO GOT
CAUGHT IN
A TRAP.

YOU CAN
HANDLE THE
REST, YES?

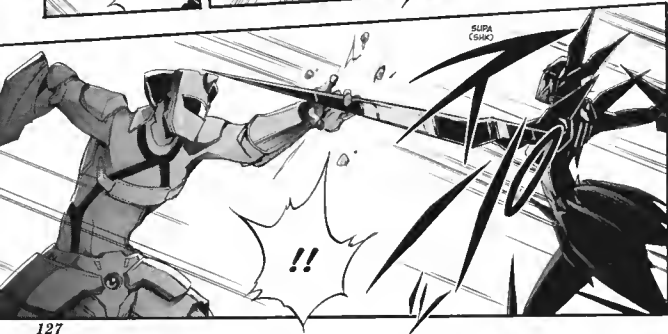


HNG!

YOU'RE
NOT
GETTING
PAST!!



GYUN
(FWIND)



SUPA
(SHK)

!!



IT'S NOTHING
PERSONAL,
BUT ANYONE
WHO ENGAGES
ME MUST
INEVITABLY
EXPERIENCE
AMPUTATION.

SO.



SORRY...

...BUT
GRAPPLING
TECHNIQUES
BASICALLY
HAVE NO
EFFECT
ON ME.



...TELLING
ME NOW
YOU DON'T
WANT IT!!

DON'T
GO...



AS
IF I'M
GOING
TO
WAIT!!

The
battery's
recharging
now —

Hey,
hold
on!!



AAAAAH!



...WHY?



WHY DO
YOU APPEAR
NOW AND...



AFTER HIDING
IN SOME LITTLE
HOLE FOR TWO
YEARS...

...WHY!?

...OBSTRUCT
THE CIRCUS
CARNIVAL I'VE
BEEN PREPARING
ALL THESE
YEARS?



THE FRIEND
OF OURS YOU
BETRAYED AND
BEHEADED?

DOES THIS
MEAN YOU'VE
ALREADY
FORGOTTEN?

I,
FOR ONE,
CERTAINLY
CANNOT
FORGET
IT...!

I WONDER
WHERE HE
IS AND WHAT
HE'S DOING
NOW?

THE FACT THAT
HE CAN NEVER
RETURN TO THE
ACCELERATED
WORLD...THE PERSON
WHO RETURNED HIS
TRUST WITH THE
SWORD AND STOLE
EVERYTHING
FROM HIM...



YOU
CAN'T
LISTEN
TO HIM!!

HE'S
JUST
TRYING TO
INCAPACI-
TATE YOU
AGAIN...!!



A
STRAIGHT-
FORWARD
DUEL
IS ONE
THING...

...BUT
THAT SORT
OF SURPRISE
ATTACK...!!





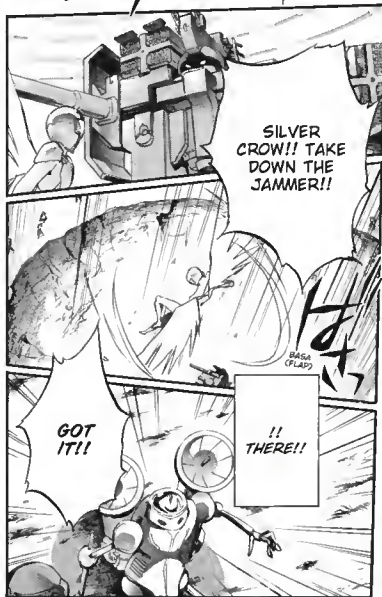
GYUD
CFWOOD

—I'M
GOING!!



RAIN!! YOUR
REMAINING
WEAPONS
HAVE FINISHED
CHARGING,
YES!?

CROW!!
PROTECT
HER!!

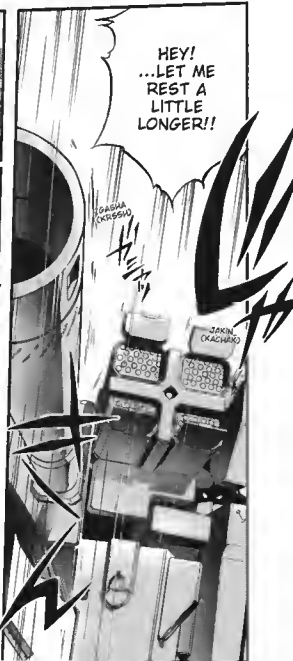


SILVER
CROW!! TAKE
DOWN THE
JAMMER!!

BAGA
(FLAP)

GOT
IT!!

!!
THERE!!



HEY!
...LET ME
REST A
LITTLE
LONGER!!

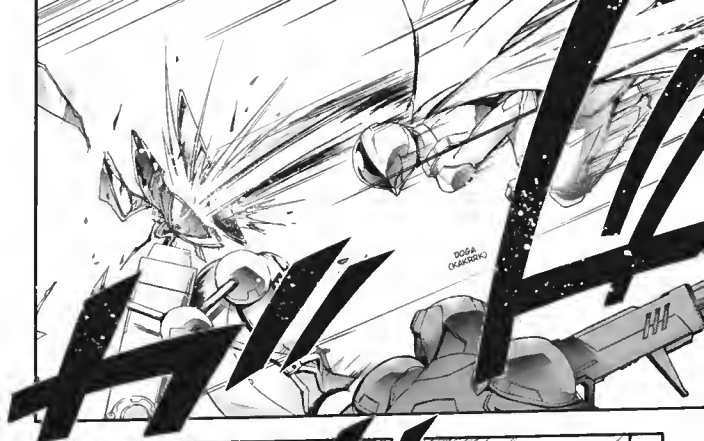
BAGHA
(KRESSHO)

JAKIN
(KACHIRO)



THIS IS
DIFFERENT
FROM THAT
ROOM.
I CAN
DODGE
THIS!!









THEIR SPECIAL-
ATTACK GAUGES
SHOULD BE
JUST ABOUT
FULL.

—THE
REAL
SHOW...



NEARLY
THERE.

HUH?



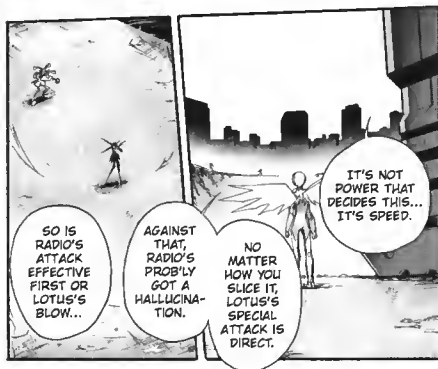
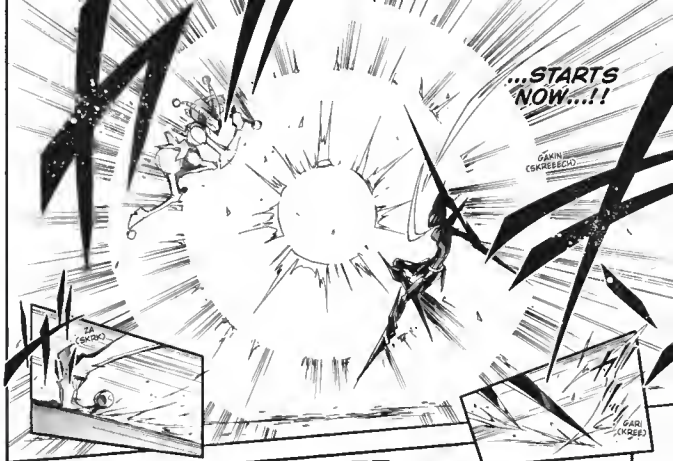
...THE
FIRST TIME
SINCE THE
FOUNDING
OF THE
ACCELERATED
WORLD...

THIS
IS...

TH—

...THAT TWO
LEVEL NINES
HAVE FACED
OFF...!

THEY'RE
SO
FAST...!!





**FUTILE
FORTUNE
WA—**

**DEATH BY
PIER—**

!!

HNGH...

!?



WH—!?



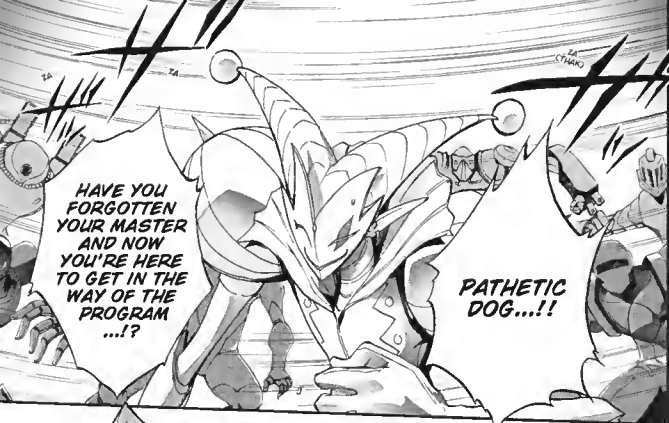
CHAPTER
#16

...HNGH!!

I-IT'S
THE
FIFTH...

...CHROME
DISASTER
...!!





HAVE YOU
FORGOTTEN
YOUR MASTER
AND NOW
YOU'RE HERE
TO GET IN THE
WAY OF THE
PROGRAM
...!?

PATHETIC
DOG...!!



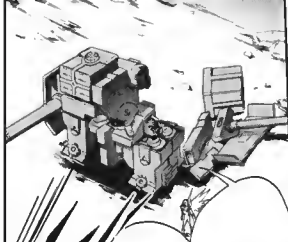
GU
OO
OO
OO
OO!

GASHA
CRASHAKO

CHERRY!!

CHE—

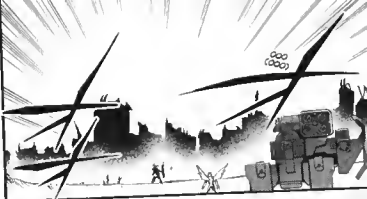
GU
OO
OO!



ZAWA
(KRRNGO)

IF
WE CAN
DESTROY
THE ARMOR,
THEN
MAYBE—

WE MIGHT
STILL BE
IN TIME.



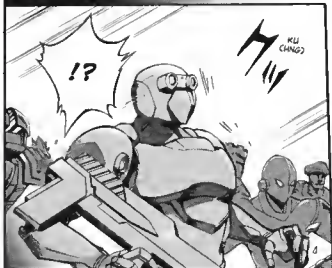
...Niko.

DON'T
SAY
IT!!

He's...
already
—



SUU
(SHARP)



!?

KUU
(CHING)



ZA
(FWISH)



**IT'S NOT
VIOLENCE,
NOT
SLAUGHTER.**

THIS...
THIS ISN'T
A DUEL
ANYMORE.





IT'S
JUST...

...PREDATION...!!







HARUYUKI-KUN.



I DON'T
WANT TO
ACKNOWLEDGE IT,
BUT...

...I REGRET
THAT BETRAYAL
OF TWO YEARS
AGO...

...AND THE
GUILT HAS
MADE ME
AFRAID OF MY
OWN DESIRE
FOR BATTLE—
THE VERY
BELLIGERENCE
THAT SEEKS
VICTORY...



NO
WAY.

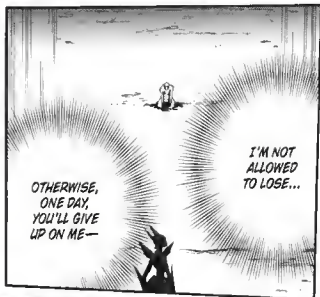
**YOU'RE
GOING
TO
FIGHT
IT...!?**



...THAT'S
THE TRUTH!!

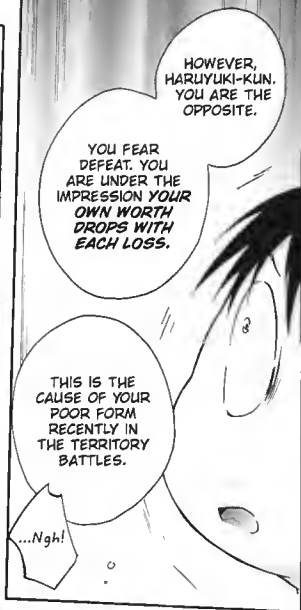
IF I LOSE,
IT'S OVER.
IF I LOSE,
I GET
NOTHING!!

GU
CLENCH



OTHERWISE,
ONE DAY,
YOU'LL GIVE
UP ON ME—

I'M NOT
ALLOWED
TO LOSE...



HOWEVER,
HARUYUKI-KUN.
YOU ARE THE
OPPOSITE.

YOU FEAR
DEFEAT. YOU
ARE UNDER THE
IMPRESSION YOUR
OWN WORTH
DROPS WITH
EACH LOSS.

THIS IS THE
CAUSE OF YOUR
POOR FORM
RECENTLY IN
THE TERRITORY
BATTLES.

...Ngh!



HARUYUKI-
KUN.

DO YOU
REALLY
BELIEVE...



GAKIN
(KAGIANG)

...THE BOND
CONNECTING
US...

...IS
ONLY ON
THAT
LEVEL!?

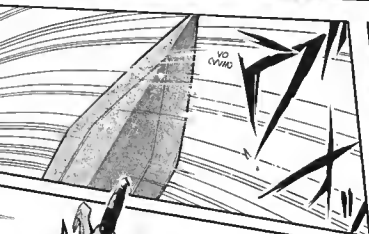


GAKI
(KAGIANG)



BUN
(BWWAN)

oooooooooo!!





I HAVE...
EXPOSED
YOU TO
SOMETHING
UNSIGHTLY
HERE



THIS...

...THIS IS
MY PLACE,
HARUYUKI-
KUN.



THAT'S
WHERE
YOU'RE
WRONG...!

But if
you lose, it
won't mean
anything...

P-
place
...?



ONCE YOU
DIVE INTO THE
BATTLEFIELD...
NO MATTER
WHO YOUR
OPPONENT
MIGHT BE...

FEED YOUR
CLEVER
RETREATS
TO A DOG!!

...THERE
IS ONLY
FIGHTING!!

WITH
ALL YOUR
HEART,
TOE-TO-
TOE!!



THAT
FEELING
WHEN I WAS
FIGHTING IN
A KIND OF
TRANCE...

I FEEL
LIKE I
FORGOT
THAT...

RIGHT...

ALL YOUR
HEART...

GU
(COLONCHO)

EVEN IN THE
ACCELERATED
WORLD, I WAS
ONLY THINKING
ABOUT HOW
PEOPLE SAW
ME...

WHAT
I WAS
AFRAID
OF...

...AN
IDIOT
...!!

I AM
SUCH...

...WAS LOSING
AND BEING
LAUGHED AT BY
THE GALLERY...
DISAPPOINTING
PEOPLE I CARE
ABOUT.

JAKIN
ORCHIMARU

I'M
NOT...

...NOT
AFRAID
ANY-
MORE!!

BA
CLEAP?

AAAAAH...!!



YES,
SENPAI!!!

NOW THEN,
SHALL WE
LOSE WITH
GRACE?

WELL,
HARUYUKI-
KUN.











FOR A BURST
LINKER, ALL
OTHER BURST
LINKERS ARE
ENEMIES.

YOU GET
DEFEATED BY
AN ENEMY,
YOUR POINTS
DECREASE.
WHEN THEY
HIT ZERO,
YOU LEAVE
FOREVER.

AND
THAT'S
THAT.



—SO
WHAT?



...THAT
IT?

...ARE
FRIENDS.

...we...
you and
us...

B-but...

GA
(ISLAND)

...MAKES
ME
PUKE!

YOUR
SOFT-
NESS...



YOU
TRUST
NOTHING
AND NO
ONE!!

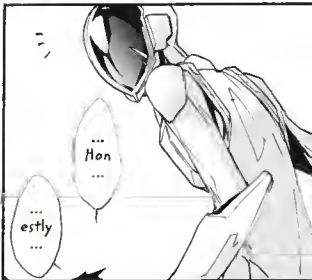
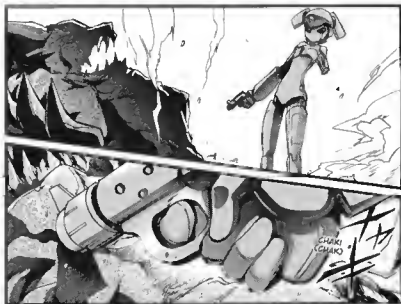
IN THE
ACCEL-
ERATED
WORLD—

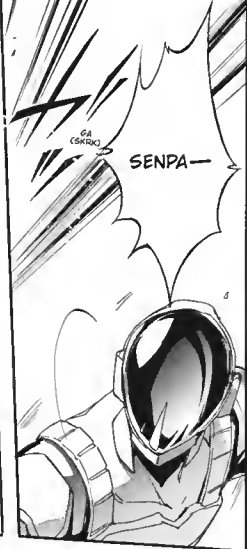
AFTER I
TAKE CARE OF
CHERR—OF HIM,
I'LL FINISH THE
TWO OF YOU OFF
TOGETHER.

IF
THAT'S NOT
YOUR THING,
BETTER RUN
NOW.

PART-
NERS,
FRIENDS,
LEGIONS
...

...AND
EVEN THE
GUARDIAN-
CHILD BOND...
THEY'RE ALL
NOTHING
MORE THAN
ILLUSIONS!!









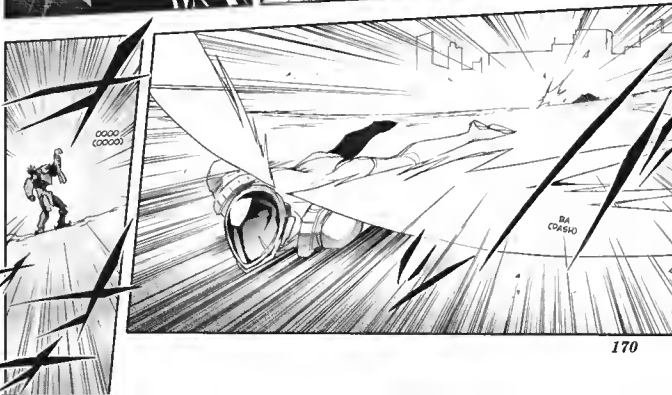
HUH...?

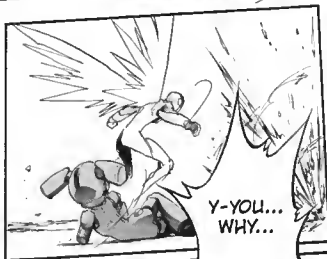
...ARE
GUARDIAN
AND
CHILD.

THOSE
TWO...

THE RED
KING IS...

...CHERRY
ROOK'S
CHILD...





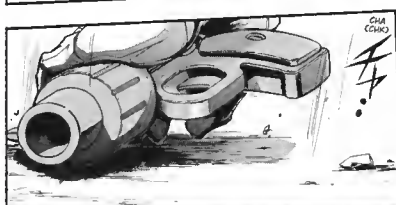
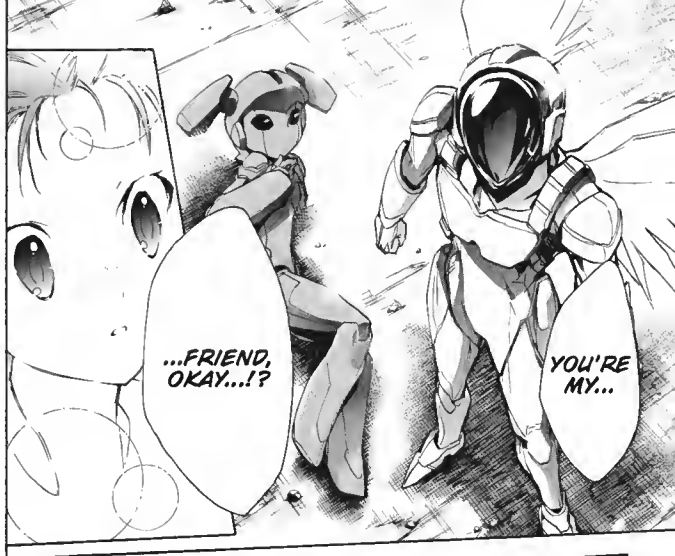
Y-YOU...
WHY...

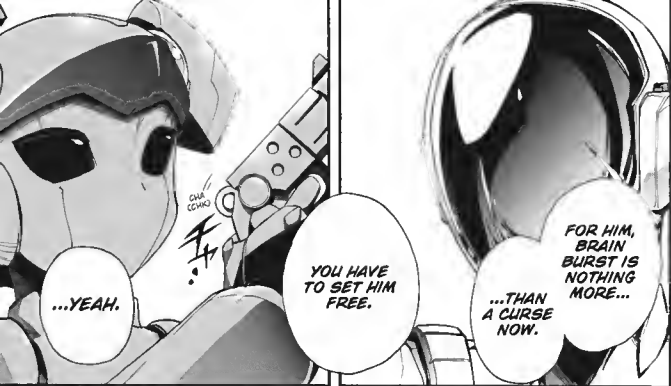


KOFF...!



I CAME
TO HELP.





GYUN
CERNINO

WHA—!?

!?

NO!!

IT'S A
LONG-
DISTANCE
JUMP!

THAT'S THE...
FLIGHT
ABILITY!?



IF WE
LET HIM
GET AWAY
NOW, WE
WON'T GET
ANOTHER
CHANCE....!!

HE'S GOING
TO TRY TO
LOG OUT AT
THE LEAVE
POINT.

THIS IS
BAD!!



THEN...

...I'LL KEEP
DISASTER IN
CHECK!!

EVEN THOUGH
HE'S HURT, HE
CAN STILL MOVE
LIKE THAT...
IF YOU GET
CAUGHT, HE'LL
BE THE ONE
EATING YOU!!

Y-YOU
CAN'T
ALONE!



NIKO.

THIS TIME
YOU CAN
SHOOT,
RIGHT?

THE
JUDGMENT
BLOW.

I'LL FIRE...
FOR HIS
SAKE!!

SHUT
UP.



OOOO
(KRRR)



THEN...

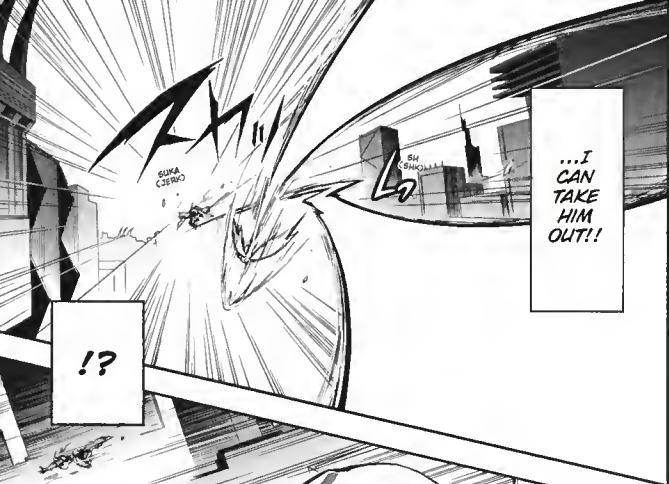
BYUO
(FWOOSH)

...YOU'VE
GOT UNTIL
HE EATS
ME...!



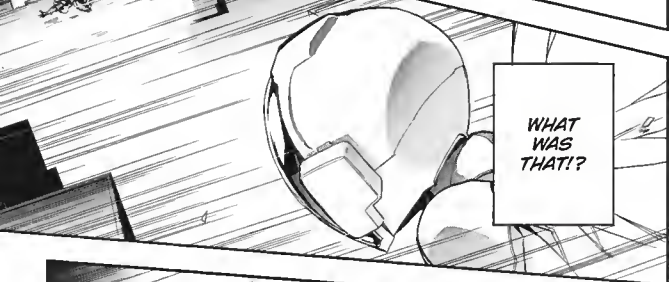
I'VE GOT
SPEED ON
MY SIDE...

A SUDDEN
DROP FROM
HIS BLIND
SPOT AND...



...I
CAN
TAKE
HIM
OUT!!

!?



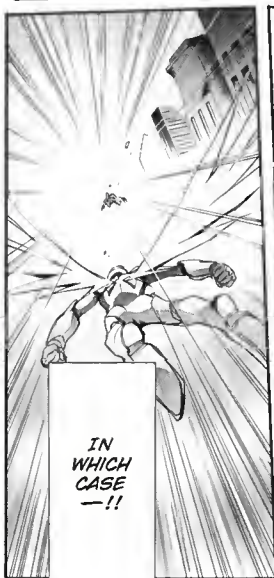
WHAT
WAS
THAT!?



HE CHANGED
TRAJECTORY
MID-JUMP,
BUT THAT'S
NOT
POSSIBLE
...!!



AND
AGAIN
...!!



IN
WHICH
CASE
—!!

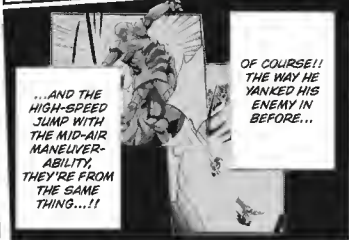


CHA
(CHAO)

!!



A
WIRE
...!?



...AND THE
HIGH-SPEED
JUMP WITH
THE MID-AIR
MANEUVER-
ABILITY,
THEY'RE FROM
THE SAME
THING...!!

OF COURSE!!
THE WAY HE
YANKED HIS
ENEMY IN
BEFORE...



EYUN
(FYOO)

NOW!!

CHU
(CHU)

GA
(GARG)

AAAAAAH...!!

OKAY!!

**JUST LIKE
THIS...!!**



KIM
(SKREEEE)



—
RIGHT.

RIGHT.

I HAVE
TO PUSH
IT RIGHT
TO THE
EDGE....!!

TOO EARLY
OR TOO
LATE'S NO
GOOD.





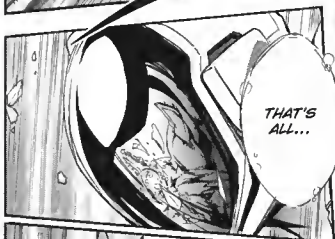
BOSON
(WHAM)

AAAAAAH!!

BOSON
(BOOM)

BOSON
(CRASH)

BOSON
(CRASH)



THAT'S
ALL...



YOU
WANT...
POWER
TOO,
DON'T
YOU?

YOU...YOU
CAN UNDER-
STAND THAT,
RIGHT...?



—I...

I WANT
TO BE
STRONGER
...



...THE
RIGHT
TO DO
WHATEVER
YOU
WANT!?

SO
YOU'RE
SAYING
THAT
GIVES
YOU...

YOU
WANTED
TO BE
STRONG
...?



...AND
EVEN
TRYING
TO EAT
YOUR
OWN
CHILD—
EAT
NIKO!?

PUTTING
ON THAT
ARMOR,
ATTACKING
HUGE
NUMBERS
OF AVA-
TARS...



IT'S
NOT JUST
YOU!!

"I WANT
TO BE
STRONGER,
I WANT
TO LIVE
STRONG..."



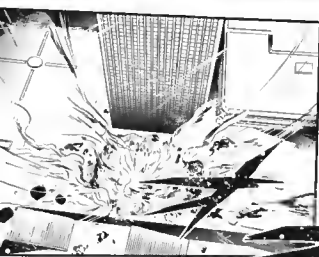
**-EVERY-
ONE...**

**...THINKS
THAT...!!**

DOON
(KABOOM)

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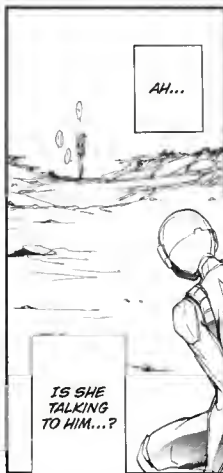
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YOU DID IT... SILVER CROW.

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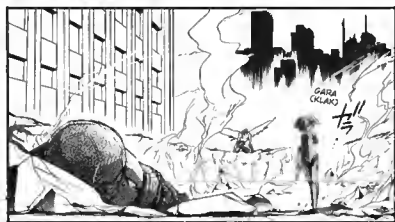
AH...

IS SHE
TALKING
TO HIM...?

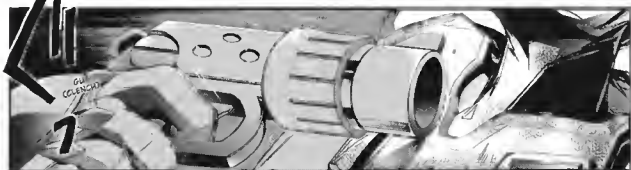


NIKO...

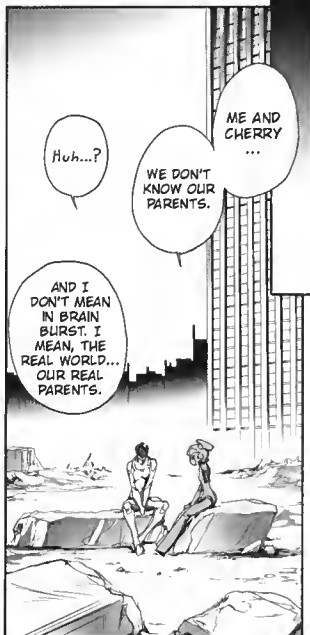
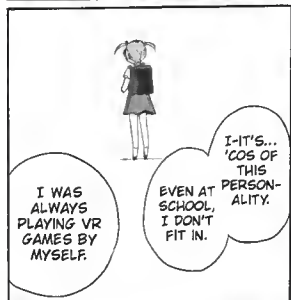
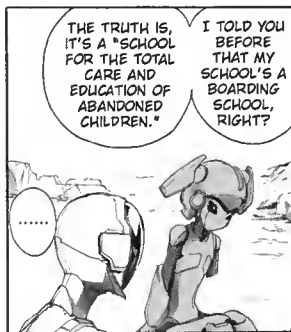
LEAVE
THE REST
TO ME.

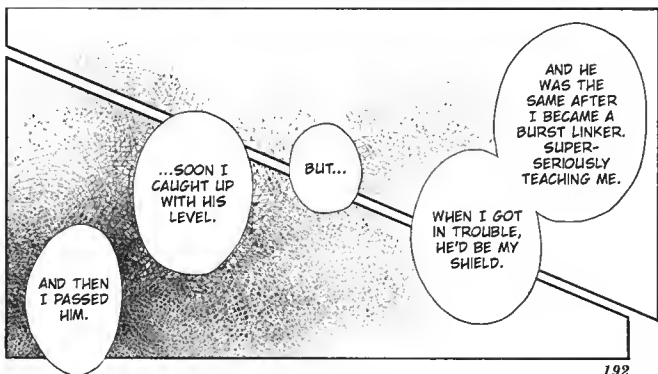
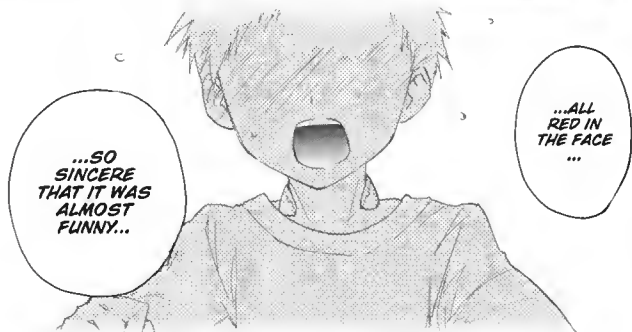


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AND
BEFORE I
KNEW IT, I
WAS LEVEL
NINE.

AND
ONCE
I WAS
PUSHED INTO
THE LEGION
MASTER
THING...
I WAS
FRANTIC
TOO.

gyu
(squeezed)

!!!
...!!

HE...
HE WANTED
TO STAY MY
"PARENT"
FOREVER
...!!

THAT'S WHY
HE SOUGHT
POWER...HE
LOST TO THE
TEMPTATION
OF THE
ARMOR OF
CATASTROPHE
...!!

I DIDN'T EVEN
NOTICE HE
WAS HAVING
PROBLEMS...!!



IT'S TRUE,
BRAIN BURST
ISN'T JUST
A GAME.

...IT'S NOT
THE WHOLE
OF OUR
REALITY
EITHER.

BUT...



NIKO
.....



WHICH
IS
WHY—

...WITH
HIM AGAIN
IN THE REAL
WORLD...!!

WHICH
IS WHY
YOU CAN
STILL BE
FRIENDS...



GOSHI
(CRUISE)

—
FRIENDS
...

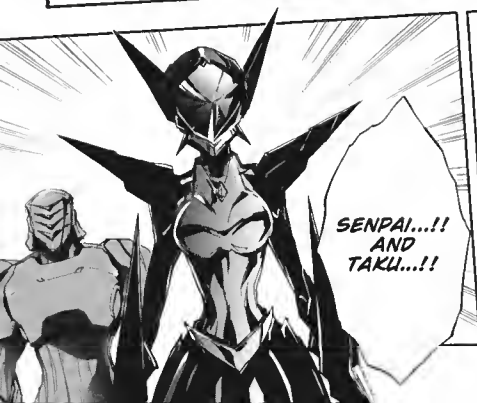
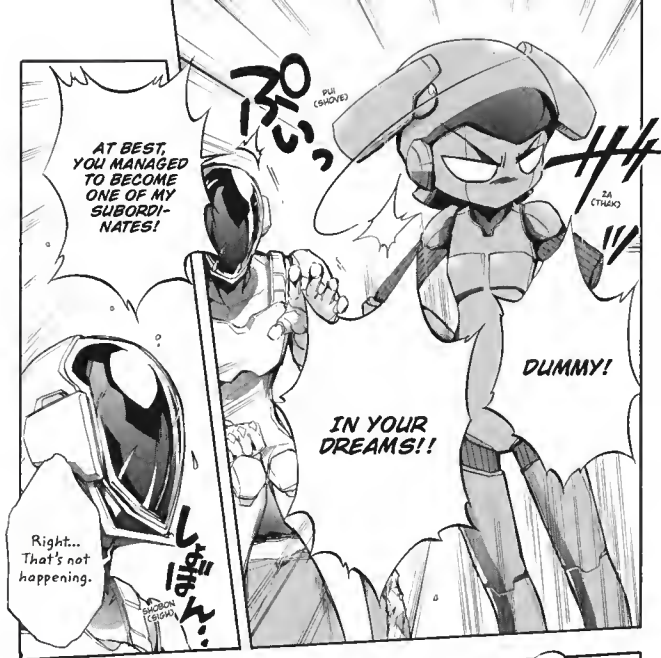
...YOU
SAY?

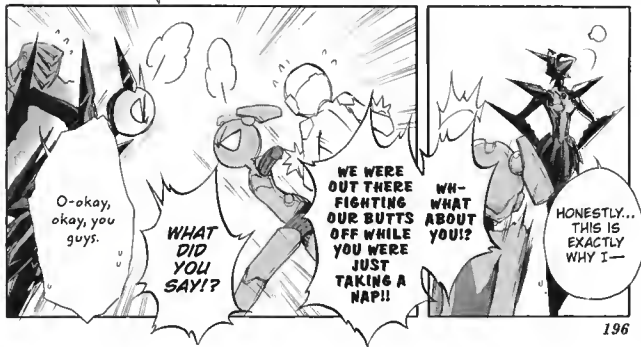
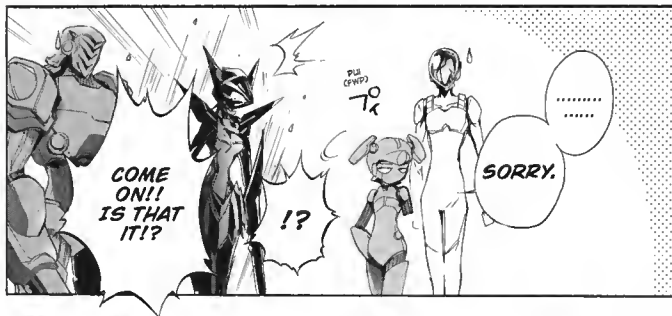


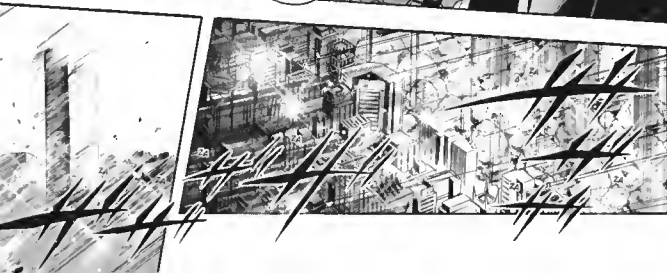
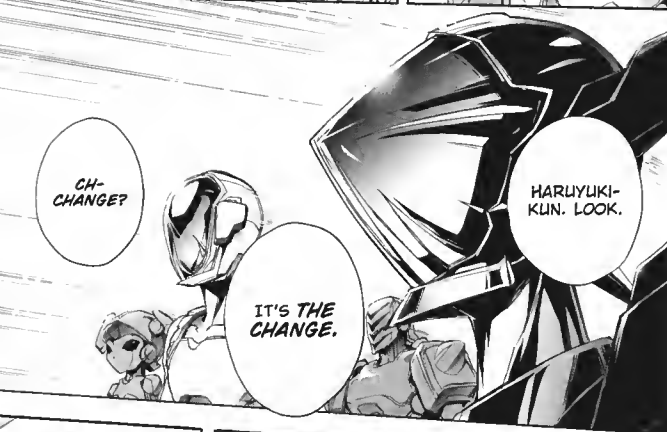
...BUT IN THE
REAL WORLD,
WE MANAGED
TO BECOME
FRIENDS LIKE
THIS...!!

I MEAN,
YOU AND US,
WE'RE IN
DIFFERENT
LEGIONS
IN THE
ACCELERATED
WORLD...

YOU
SHOULD
BE ABLE
TO.

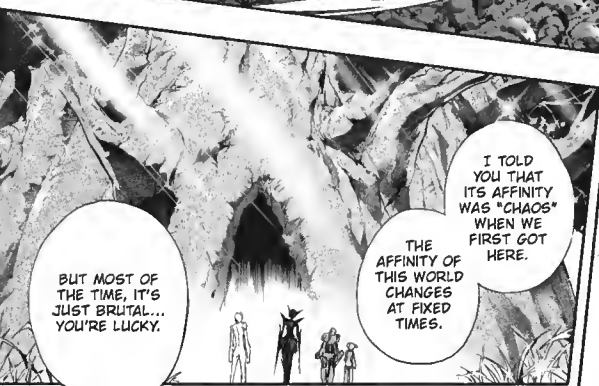








ZANA
CIBORO



BUT MOST OF
THE TIME, IT'S
JUST BRUTAL....
YOU'RE LUCKY.

THE
AFFINITY OF
THIS WORLD
CHANGES
AT FIXED
TIMES.

I TOLD
YOU THAT
ITS AFFINITY
WAS "CHAOS"
WHEN WE
FIRST GOT
HERE.



WHOOAAA...!!



KURU
(WHIRL)
S

I NEARLY
FORGOT
SOMETHING
IMPORTANT.

LET'S...
WHOOPS!

OKAY...THE
ENEMIES ARE
COMPLETELY
REPOPPED
AFTER THE
CHANGE.

WE
SHOULD
GET
HOME.
THE
LEAVE
POINT'S
RIGHT
OVER
THERE.



...I DON'T
HAVE IT.

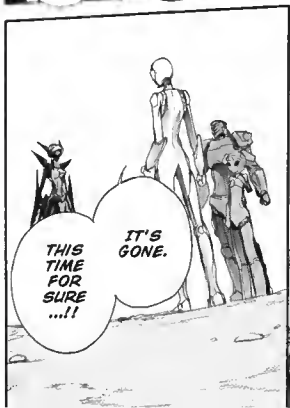
LO!!
PI
(CREEP)



NOR
I.

NOR
ME AS
WELL.

ME
NEITHER.



THIS
TIME
FOR
SURE
...!!

IT'S
GONE.



PI
(CREEP)
LO!!
PI

EVERYONE,
OPEN YOUR
STATUS
SCREENS
AND CHECK
YOUR ITEM
STORAGE.

IF THE
ARMOR OF
CATAS-
TROPHÉ IS
THERE...

...YOU
MUST GET
RID OF
IT...!!



NOW,
PERHAPS
WE SHOULD
GO HOME
AND RAISE
A GLASS?

OKAY!!



IDIOT
CHILDREN
DRINK
JUICE.

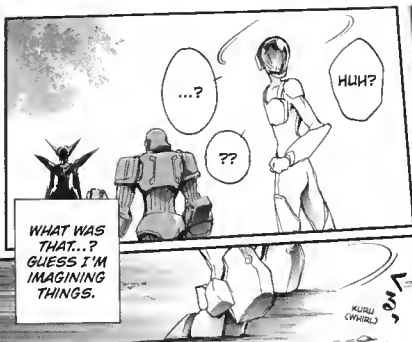
LET'S BE
RICH AND
HAVE
CHAM-
PAGNE!



—GOOD.

SETTLING
THINGS WITH
THE YELLOW
KING WILL
HAVE TO
WAIT.

BUT IN
ANY
CASE...
...MISSION
COMPLETE
...!!



...?

HUH?

??

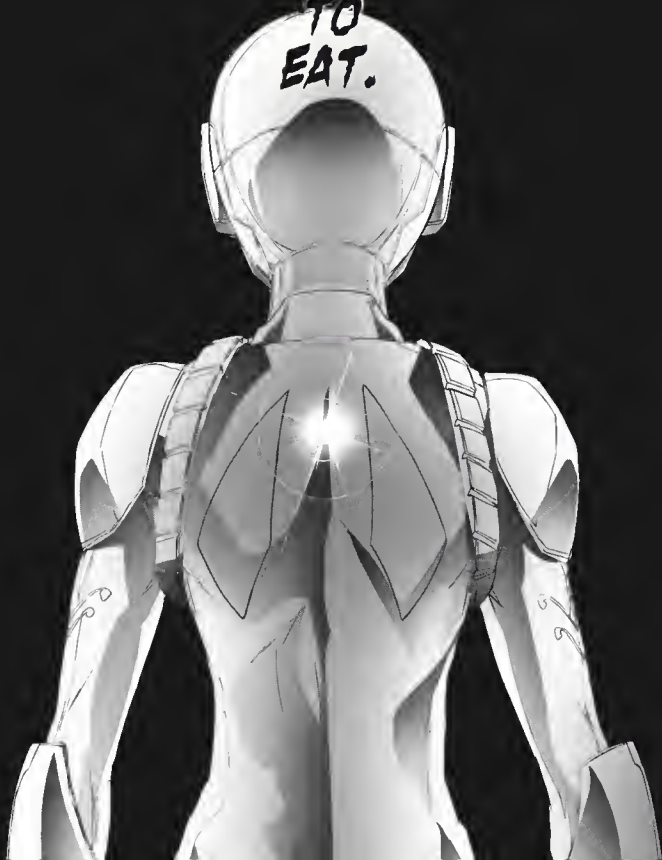
WHAT WAS
THAT...?
GUESS I'M
IMAGINING
THINGS.

KURU
(WHIRL)



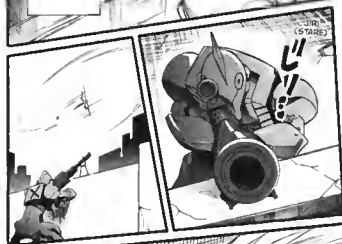
...WANT.

-WANT
TO
EAT.





WHEN
ARE
YOU
GOING
TO
SHOOT?



GUR
(STARE)



OKAY, SINK
OR SWIM!
WITH A
SUDDEN
DROP, I—

THE
BULLET'S
JUST NOT
COMING...

DAM-
MIT!



PUBLIC
TERRITORY
BATTLE TO
PROTECT
SUGINAMI
AREA.

THE ENEMY
TODAY'S THE
SAME LINEUP
THAT'S BEEN
COMING TO
ATTACK US
LATELY.

ONE OF
THEM'S A
SNIPER
AVATAR,
THE TYPE
I ALWAYS
LOSE
AGAINST.

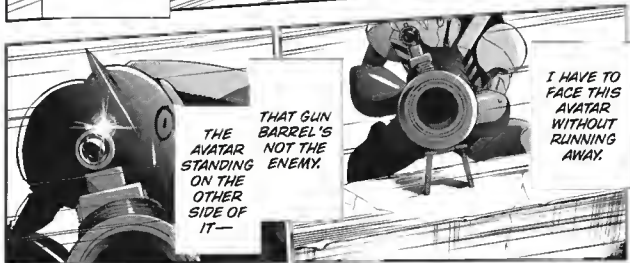
BUT THIS
TIME, I'LL
BEAT IT...!!



THIS IS
JUST A
REPEAT OF
LAST WEEK
...!!

NO!!

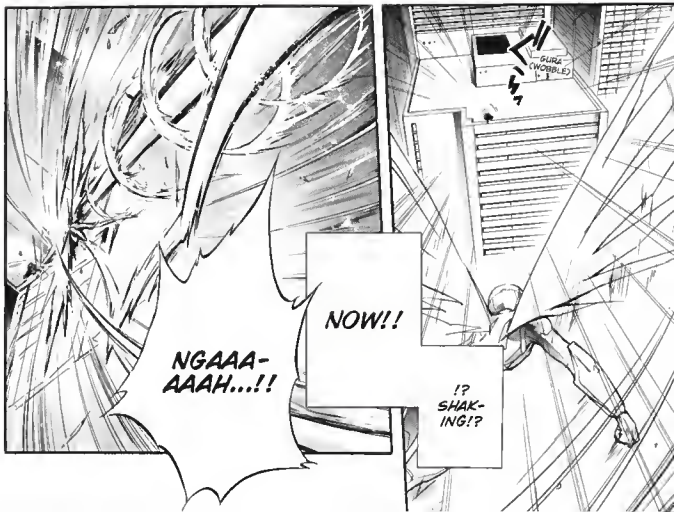
AH...



THE
AVATAR
STANDING
ON THE
OTHER
SIDE OF
IT—

THAT GUN
BARREL'S
NOT THE
ENEMY.

I HAVE TO
FACE THIS
AVATAR
WITHOUT
RUNNING
AWAY.



NGAAA-
AAAH...!!

NOW!!

!?
SHAK-
ING!?

GURA
(WOBBLES)



AH...

WELL
DONE,
HARUYUKI-
KUN!!



OH...
SENPAL.







AVOID A
BULLET AT
SUPER-CLOSE
RANGE WITH
PAIN AT
MAXIMUM!?

Y-Y-YOU
IDIOT!!

OWWWW!



WH-
WHA—!?
SENPAI,
WHAT—

LISTEN,
HARUYUKI-
KUN.



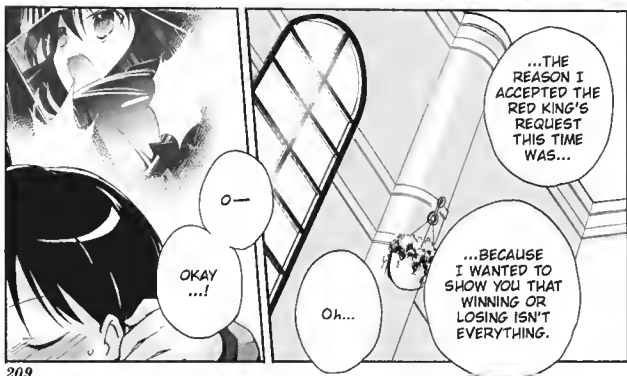
...I HAVE
NO INTENTION
OF...

...HARMING
MY RELATION-
SHIP WITH
YOU.

I TOLD YOU,
DIDN'T I?
THAT NO
MATTER WHAT
HAPPENS...

O-
okay...

TRUST ME.
THAT IS...
...AN
ORDER.



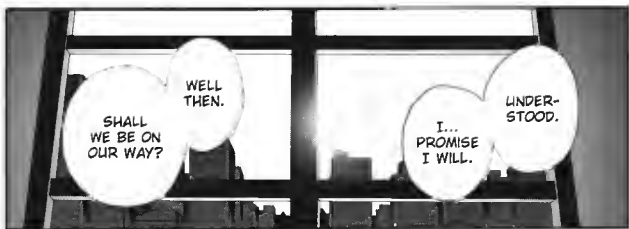
...THE
REASON I
ACCEPTED THE
RED KING'S
REQUEST
THIS TIME
WAS...

...BECAUSE
I WANTED TO
SHOW YOU THAT
WINNING OR
LOSING ISN'T
EVERYTHING.

O—

OKAY
...!

Oh...









TH-
THAT'S IT,
HUH?

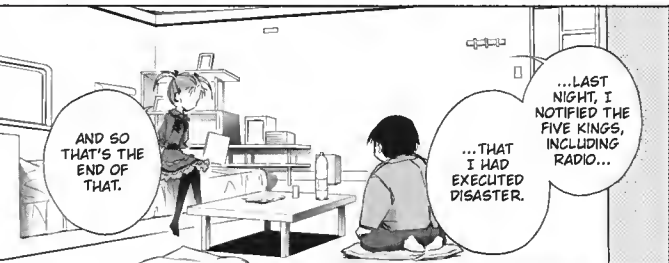
OH...

ALSO TO
GIVE YOU A
FOLLOW-UP
REPORT.

I FIGURED
I SHOULD AT
LEAST SAY
THANKS, SO
HERE I AM.

COME
ON.

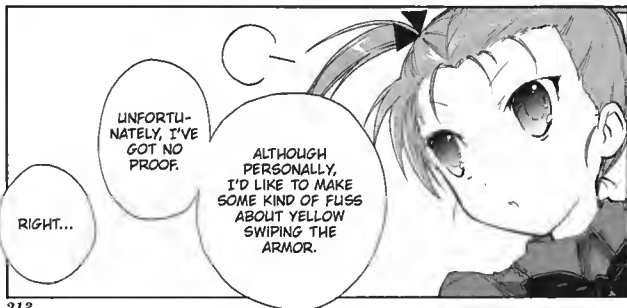
**THIS IS
TOO MUCH!
DOING THE
EXACT
SAME THING
AGAIN—**



AND SO
THAT'S THE
END OF
THAT.

...THAT
I HAD
EXECUTED
DISASTER.

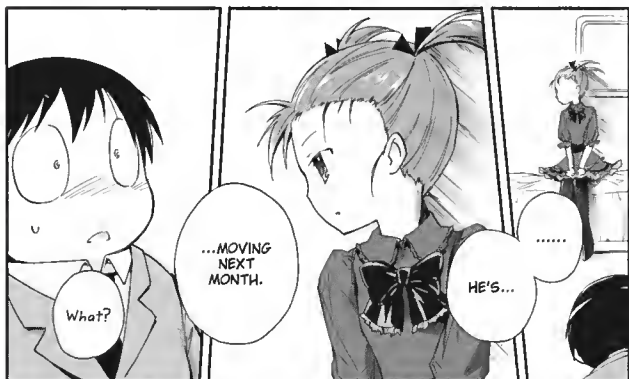
...LAST
NIGHT, I
NOTIFIED THE
FIVE KINGS,
INCLUDING
RADIO...



RIGHT...

UNFORTU-
NATELY, I'VE
GOT NO
PROOF.

ALTHOUGH
PERSONALLY,
I'D LIKE TO MAKE
SOME KIND OF FUSS
ABOUT YELLOW
SWIPING THE
ARMOR.

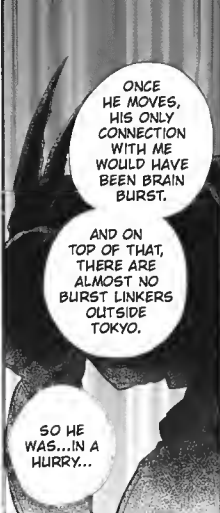




—BUT
THE THING
IS...

...MAYBE
BECAUSE
BRAIN BURST
IS GONE,
BUT...

...TODAY
HE...



ONCE
HE MOVES,
HIS ONLY
CONNECTION
WITH ME
WOULD HAVE
BEEN BRAIN
BURST.

AND ON
TOP OF THAT,
THERE ARE
ALMOST NO
BURST LINKERS
OUTSIDE
TOKYO.

SO HE
WAS...IN A
HURRY...



AND,
YOU
KNOW
...

I WAS
THINKING.

IT'S
BEEN A
WHILE
SINCE
I SAW
THAT...

SMILING.

HE LOOKED
LIKE HE DID
WHEN HE
FIRST STARTED
TALKING TO
ME.



SO I
FIGURED I
MIGHT TRY
SOME OTHER
VR GAME.

THE VR
WORLD ISN'T
JUST...

...THE
ACCELERATED
WORLD,
RIGHT?

ONE I
COULD PLAY
FOR A LONG
TIME WITH
HIM.

IF YOU
KNOW ANY
GOOD ONES,
LET ME
KNOW.

—RIGHT!

OKAY...!!



YOU
CAN TAKE
WHICHEVER
ONES YOU
WANT THAT
I HAVE
HERE!!

PA
(JUMP)

RIGHT!

RIGHT...
THEN!







...REALLY...

TH-
THEY'RE...

PORO
ぽろ
ぽろ

PORO
ぽろ
ぽろ



KAKASHI
CALLING

Y-Y-YOU'RE
CRYING!!

A-ARE YOU
STUPID!!?





▶▶▶ACCEL·WORLD

**NEXT TIME:
THE ADVENT OF THE
BLACK SWORDSMAN!!**

THE NEXT ENEMY HARUYUKI
FACES IS...IMPOSSIBLE!! THE
HERO OF SWORD ART ONLINE,
KIRITO!? THE SPECIAL SHORT
VERSUS, COLLECTED IN THE
NOVEL ACCEL WORLD 10: ELE-
MENTS, DEPICTS THE DREAM
MATCHUP OF REKI KAWAHARA'S
HEROES AND IS NOW COMING
TO COMIC FORM BY THE HANDS
OF HIROYUKI AIGAMO! HOW ON
EARTH WILL THIS BATTLE PLAY
OUT!? DON'T TAKE YOUR EYES
OFF THE ACCEL WORLD MANGA
FOR A SECOND!

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TO BE CONTINUED IN THE NEXT STAGE...!!

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Thank you so much for picking up Volume Four of the comics version of Accel World!

This volume collects the last of the story from volume 2 of the original series. In the middle of all the battles and tension, the scene that made the strongest impression on me was when Haruyuki-kun tells Niko, "There's nothing sadder and lonelier than the 'end' of a game with no ending."

I had similar experiences as Haruyuki-kun with net games I played myself a long time ago, so his words really hit home for me. It's a little different from what Haruyuki-kun went through, but through my experience with the games, I learned that an ending is also a kind of rescue with some feelings of sadness mixed in. So that scene was one that really resonated with me.

I also really love video games and often play all kinds of them. In writing this afterword, I re-read all the pages collected here, and when I got to that particular scene, I had the sudden thought, Now that I'm thinking about it, there were games that I stopped before seeing the ending.

Now that it's come to this, I'll have to dig those games out and keep playing them while working on these pages.

I'd be very happy if we meet again in the next volume. This has been Hiroyuki Aigamo.



Hiroyuki Aigamo

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マサキ
おめでとう
ニギハヤ!

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ON THE
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comment

Congratulations on volume four of the manga! The Red King Niko is actually a character I like quite a bit, so I was very much looking forward to this volume where she plays such a big role. The truth is, the Niko Rigamoto-sensei draws is really cute and commanding. I can't help thinking I want to read more stories with her in them! So I'd like to see Niko showing up more and more in the original series too. (lol) Looking forward to seeing where this goes!

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CELEBRATION! VOLUME FOUR!

Niko really is adorable,
so I took the liberty of
exposing her a bit! 


Akari Ryuryu



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